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Dear Dr Caballero and Ms MacGregor

Thank you for your email to myself and the Premier, Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP, from 27 April 2024 regarding the *Independent Review of Gender Identity Services for Children and Young People* (the Cass Review), commissioned by the National Health Service in the United Kingdom (UK).

The health and wellbeing needs of all children and young people in Tasmania are of paramount importance.

It is highly important that these services have rigorous patient safety and clinical governance measures in place and prioritise the health and wellbeing of the children and young people who are accessing them.

As such and given the Cass review was undertaken at a national level in the UK, it is preferable that a review of public gender services be undertaken by the Commonwealth. This will allow consideration of all available evidence from across the country, to ensure these services are best-practice, evidence-based, and that patient safety and wellbeing is paramount.

I have written to the Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care, the Hon Mark Butler, requesting his consideration of these matters.

Yours sincerely

  
Hon Guy Barnett MP  
Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing