



From the President

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Hon Timothy (Tim) Nicholls MP
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Gender care

Dear Minister Nicholls

We write on behalf of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) who represent a broad range of physicians, and in particular paediatricians, working in the very complex and challenging clinical space providing gender care.

We are aware of the recent announcement that the Australian Government has requested the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) undertake a comprehensive review of the *Australian Standards of Care and Treatment Guidelines for Trans and Gender Diverse Children and Adolescents in Australia* and to develop new national guidelines. The RACP supports this process, which it has called for over several years.

The RACP supports all healthcare practitioners working with young people and their families. The RACP strongly supports expert clinical care that is non-judgemental, supportive and welcoming for young people and their families.

As physicians we know how difficult it is supporting patients with individual complexities around culture, family and friend support, and medical comorbidities and how to make that a patient centred process.

We would like to work with you and your department to ensure young people and their families have access to appropriate specialist gender services.

Yours sincerely,

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