



Anger at taxpayer-funded transgender surgery

Australian health advocates are furious that the Society of Plastic Surgeons have applied to make all transgender surgeries paid by the taxpayer through Medicare.

This means double mastectomies (breast removal), penectomies (penis removal) and even the construction of a fake penis will be paid for by Australian taxpayers.

[The Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons](#) claim that 47,087 individuals would use this service in the first year, needing over \$30 million in public funding. The cost for several surgeries can be upwards of \$50,000 per individual.

While the proposal is for over 18-year-olds identifying as transgender, Phil Dye, the Founder of the [Australian Declaration of Biological Truth](#), believes cheap surgery removes a barrier for the parents of gender confused children and teens.

"The rush to puberty blockers, hormones or surgery for any parent of a gender-confused child is a poor choice. The child will be on medication for life. The research is that gender dysphoria often results from childhood trauma, depression or autism. We'd support more funding for psychological treatment, not surgery." Dye said.

The Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons also claim that the medical interventions accessed will depend on a person's personal choice as to which surgeries are right for them. Dye has questioned this patient-led surgery choice.

"Rushing to publicly funded cosmetic surgery simply at a patient's request is ridiculous. This is not life-saving surgery. It is elective and cosmetic. The public would be appalled if this succeeds when patients needing urgent hip or shoulder surgery are made to wait. Public money should be spent where treatment is needed, not where treatment is cosmetic." Dye said.

The Society consulted only two special interest groups whose focus is entirely on transgender advocacy. These were ACON and AusPath. No groups concerned about the rise of gender dysphoria in children, or the general community were consulted.

The Society also researched five medical associations whose members stand to make millions if the application succeeds. These include the Australian College of Surgeons (RACS) and the College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

The Australian public can give their opinion to the Government Medical Services and Advisory Committee through their survey linked from the Australian Declaration of Biological Truth at <https://declarationofbiologicaltruth.au/plastic-surgeons-application-for-medicare-funding-documents/> This must be done before February 14.

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