# "STILL FIGURING OUT BASIC MATH... BUT READY FOR LIFE-CHANGING MEDICAL DECISIONS?"

"If a student is considered a mature minor they can make decisions for themselves without parental consent and **should be affirmed in their gender identity at school without a family representative/carer participating** in formulating the school management plan."

www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/lgbtiq-student-support/policy

### NSW lets not go the way of Victoria.



## SHOULD KIDS BE AGREEING TO PUBERTY BLOCKERS?

In Australia we use Triptorelin, Goserelin, and Leuprorelin (:brand name Lupron)

#### SHORT TERM EFFECTS:

- Headaches, hot flushes, weight gain, tiredness, low mood and anxiety, **reduction in bone density**, bone fractures, blurred vision, vision loss.
- The Karolinska Institute (Sweden) has also reported **liver damage**, unexplained weight gains, mental health problems, spinal fractures, osteopenia, and failure to grow.
- Increase in behavioural and emotional problems in girls, including an increase in wanting to "**deliberately try to hurt or kill self**."

#### LONG TERM EFFECTS:

- Loss of fertility/sterilisation as gametes won't mature.
- Loss of sexual function and capacity to orgasm: young people given GnRHa at tanner Stage 2 (10-11) who go onto cross-sex hormones will have reduced capability to orgasm, which may impact their ability to enjoy intimate relationships.
- Level of puberty resumption after GnRHa use is stopped: unknown.
- Less development of genital tissue .



**Effects on brain development: unknown**. Concerns raised about negative impact on IQ, long-term spatial awareness, reaction time and missing out on a window for critical cognitive development.

- Impact on the growth of all major organs; heart, lungs etc.
- June 2022 the FDA received 60,400 reports of adverse reactions to common GnRH agonists, (puberty blockers), including over 7,900 deaths.\*



#### Sources

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