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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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The LGBTI Legal Service has filed an application for declaratory relief in the Supreme Court of Queensland on behalf of a client.

On 28 January 2025, the Director General of Queensland Health issued a directive restricting gender affirming care for children and adolescents under 18 with gender dysphoria. On 28 October 2025, the Supreme Court overturned that directive. Approximately 7 hours later, the Health Minister issued a Ministerial Direction which reinstated restrictions on gender affirming care.

Our client is not a “new patient” under the Ministerial Direction, because she received gender affirming care privately in response to the restrictions imposed by the directive issued on 28 January 2025. Nor, however, is she a “current patient” under the Ministerial Direction.

Despite this, our client has been refused care in the public health system because of the Ministerial Direction. We are asking the Supreme Court to make orders that “new patient” doesn’t include anyone under 18 who received gender affirming care before 28 October 2025, including our client.

If the Supreme Court does this, it will pave the way not only for her to receive gender affirming health care from the Queensland Children’s Gender Clinic, but for numerous other trans young people in similar circumstances.

Separately to this, the LGBTI Legal Service has previously filed a discrimination and human rights case. If you have been impacted by the changes to gender affirming case and would like free legal advice, please contact us.

The mother of trans child bringing legal action has shared the following statement:

*"The ministerial direction was made with lightning speed but, yet again, was made without input from trans young people and their parents, and without consulting anyone with expertise in treating trans young people.*

*7 hours wasn’t even long enough for the Minister to prepare a direction that was clear and unambiguous, let alone adequately consider all of the issues."*

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