



Media Release

**In the interests of the child**

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The Australian Transsexual Support Network commends the compassionate and prudent decision of the Family Court of Australia to grant permission for a 12 year old boy identified 'female' at birth to commence reversible puberty-blocking medication.

We find the sensationalistic 'sex-change' language used by the media abhorrent. It presents inaccuracy as fact and promotes ignorance about the painful predicament of this boy and his family.

The court's cautious and prudent course of action permits breathing space for the child and his family and effects a safe and realistic social transition.

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