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## To The Honourable Annastacia Palaszczuk,

I write to you on behalf of my congregation on a matter of significant concern. Namely, the recent reports of a 13 year old boy in Queensand who has been granted access to male puberty blockers.<sup>1</sup>

During the 2017 same-sex marriage survey, people who held a traditional perspective on marriage were assured that the changes to be made would only relate to marriage. However, after the vote for SSM passed parliament, the conversation immediately turned to gender. It seems quite evident that the goal was not simply to destroy the meaning of marriage, but to also destroy everything that could build a meaningful family unit. In this cited article, we see that gender ideology is now destroying the people that need to be protected the most, namely, children.

From a perspective of historical christianity, it is not only irrational and untruthful to enable this child in their subjective perspective of their identity. But it is also evil. Granted, the secular state has no objective foundation to categorise something as either good or evil. The secular state has no higher law than themselves, and so inclines toward pragmatic public policy and the whims of the majority; whims that are largely formed by secular media.

But the Christian worldview, has a foundation to which to categorise gender ideology as evil. That is, there is a God, and He is not silent. God has given us His revelation of how we are to live in his world. In relation to our Gender, God is not silent; He tells us who we are "...male and female he created them." Gender ideology, tells people lies, destroys children with lies, and forces the constituents within the state to live by lies. The lie being, 'gender is subjective' or that "sex and gender relate to different categories." This is nascent psychobabble that has its inception in the 1950's and 1960's with the work of sexologist John Money.

On this matter, and as a pastor, my authority comes from scripture, and I am under obligation to teach my people, not to participate in this lie, to protect their children from these lies, and to oppose such lies. However, I will teach my congregation to dearly love people who hold such destructive views. We will love them, as people who have been created, male and female, in the image of God.

Can I implore you to see the good news of God's creation of maleness and femaleness. That is, we have been created, and our creator knows what's best for us. We will have the most joy, the most fulfillment, the most satisfaction, and the most progress as a society, when we live within the boundaries that God has set for us.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9147283/Landmark-ruling-allows-mum-consent-transgender-child-ha ving-access-puberty-blockers.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Genesis 1:27

I would implore you to advocate for the sake of this boy and his father, and not allow this life to be destroyed.

May you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

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