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Dear Pastor Grant

Thank you for your letter regarding a recent decision of the Queensland Supreme Court relating to a Queensland child living with gender dysphoria. I have been requested to reply to you on behalf of the Premier and Minister for Trade and I apologise for the delay in responding.

Thank you for sharing your views as Pastor of the Mount Isa Baptist Church. Your strong feelings on this issue are acknowledged.

It is understood that the matter to which you are referring is currently being managed by the child's treating doctors and the functions of the court system, and is not something about which the Premier can comment.

Queensland Health, through Children's Health Queensland, offers medical advice and care to Queenslanders under the age of 18 years who experience gender dysphoria. Being trans or gender diverse is viewed by Children's Health Queensland as part of the natural spectrum of human diversity. While it is acknowledged that you do not share this view, it is hoped that you will appreciate the need for government to care for Queenslanders based on evidence-based models of care and the expertise of clinicians specialised in this field.

Again, thank you for writing to the Premier to express your views about this matter.

Yours sincerely

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