

4 December 2013

Committee on the Health Care Complaints Commission
Parliament House
Macquarie St
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Committee

Inquiry into the promotion of false or misleading health-related information or practices

I wish to make a submission to the Inquiry about the damaging practices of “Reparative Therapies”, which was the subject of my successful motion in the Legislative Assembly on 24 October 2013 that this House:

(1) Notes that the Australian Psychological Society has referred to so-called "reparative therapy" treatment as harmful.

(2) Notes that there is no scientific research to substantiate the claims that medical and psychological treatment can change a person's sexual orientation.

The debate is available online at

www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/Prod/Parlment/hansart.nsf/V3Key/LA20131024008?open&refNavID=HA8_1

I ask that the Committee use this debate as a submission to the Inquiry and consider recommendations to ensure that reparative therapies are not promoted as a valid health treatment. It is vital that the Health Care Complaints Commission can investigate and take appropriate action to prevent vulnerable people from being misled or harmed through these treatments.

Yours sincerely



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