

9th December 2010

Mr Barry O'Farrell, MP
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
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Good morning Mr O'Farrell,

Thank you for your letter of the 24th November where you noted my concerns and personal experience regarding the non-medically indicated circumcision of infant males.

Given the overdue inevitability of the NSW government changing hands next year, I won't be pursuing the Ms Keneally any further. I have attached, entirely as a demonstration of ineptitude, replies received from the State Government to date.

I recently met with my local Federal Member, Craig Thomson and handed him a letter addressed to the Prime Minister which is also attached. Although addressed to her privately, I consider that in the circumstances it is entirely appropriate to share it with you as I feel that this issue will be addressed under your government.

I note that you have forwarded the issue to the Shadow Attorney General for consideration rather than take medical advice. This alone demonstrates a level of insight that I have been unable to elicit elsewhere. Thank you for that decision alone. Routine infant male circumcision is no longer endorsed by any creditable medical authority in the world and the practice should now be viewed through a legal, ethical and moral prism, not a medical one.

You may be interested to learn that even though I have made no deliberate effort to garner supporters, I have been overwhelmed with offers of help, assistance and council. One such example is an Australian expatriot barrister, now domicile and working in London. He is of the opinion that the Australian child has probably already been born that will ultimately take legal action against his parents, his circumcisor, the medical regulatory bodies and both levels of government for allowing or performing non-medically indicated surgery on him without his consent.

Thank you once again for giving this issue your attention. I look forward to receiving your ultimate views and policy decisions with regard to non-medically indicated infant male circumcision in due course.

Yours sincerely,