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Good morning Mr Brown,

It is now over 3 months since my letter to you of the 25th October 2010 regarding the act of infant circumcision generally and as it related to my son and I specifically.

I am disappointed and surprised that you have decided to stay silent on this issue.

In electing to accept the status quo with regard to non-medically indicated infant circumcision you join a list of people whose ethics and morals I would not have thought constituted your peer group in matters such as this.

It seems, belatedly for my son, that the long overdue winds of change are gathering on this issue. There are several test cases before the courts this year in Australia which will question the legal legitimacy of the act of performing non-medically indicated circumcision on an infant unable to give consent.

The Royal Dutch Medical Society (KNMG) has said it wants a stop on the circumcision of underage boys. The society has stated that circumcising boys without any medical reason infringes the right to autonomy and the right to bodily integrity.

It is ironic that while the Australian Government feels entirely justified to prosecute all manner of moral and ethical crusades abroad, it will be drawn to the issue of the rights of defenceless infants begrudgingly.

As the battle lines are drawn over this issue, I would ask once again that you consider the position that yourself personally and the Australian Greens Party should adopt.

Although marked as 'private' I consider it appropriate to share with you a letter that I have sent to the Prime Minister on the issue.

Yours sincerely,