

25th February 2011

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Good morning Ms Sildever,

Thank you for your letter of the 23rd of February 2011 which was in response to my two letters to Mr Bob Brown dated the 25th October 2010 and the 14th February 2011 regarding non-medically indicated infant circumcision.

Your reply has been noted as being on behalf of Mr Brown and The Australian Green's Party.

Unfortunately, your reply lacks any analysis and could well have been written in the 1950s.

I note that not one single question asked of Mr Brown has been addressed.

Routine infant circumcision is no longer deemed useful or advisable by any credible medical regulator in the western world, including the Royal Australian College of Physicians.

Those who have taken the time and effort to understand the underlying issues realise that performing permanent and irreversible surgery, for no legitimate medical reason, on an infant who is unable to grant consent is not a matter of health policy. **It is a matter of legal, ethical and moral policy.**

Enlightened politicians and bureaucrats see this. For example, the NSW Premier Elect, Mr Barry O'Farrell, has asked that the Shadow Attorney General prepare a brief for him. The Shadow Health Minister is not involved.

I believe that Mr Brown and The Australian Greens risk being seriously out of step with both public opinion and enlightened thinking regarding this issue. I would remind you that, across Australia, the incidence of infant male circumcision is now less than 20%. In Tasmania the incidence is almost zero. (Given the ethical and moral demographic of the archetypical Green's supporter, I would surmise that the level of support within the Green's voter and member base would be closer to zero universally).

Nevertheless, I thank you for taking the time to reply to me.

I enclose a small sample of the publicity campaign that we will be rolling out during 2011.

Yours sincerely,