

Intersex Trust of Aotearoa New Zealand Statement of Solidarity with Allied Organisations

Concerning: “Consultation on Safety Measures for the Use of Puberty Blockers in Young People with Gender-Related Health Needs”

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The Intersex Trust of Aotearoa New Zealand (Intersex Aotearoa) stands in solidarity with the Rainbow Support Collective and our trans whānau to raise serious concerns about the Ministry of Health’s public consultation on puberty blockers. This consultation represents a deeply troubling move by our health system to politicize healthcare and undermine the hard-won progress achieved by rainbow groups, as well as those with variations of sex characteristics (VSC), intersex individuals, and ira tangata.

Why We Oppose This Consultation

In a time of significant cuts to public spending, this consultation reflects a misallocation of resources that could be better spent addressing pressing healthcare needs. More importantly, politicizing healthcare decisions sets a dangerous precedent. Decisions about healthcare must remain in the hands of individuals, their healthcare providers, and their whānau—not dictated by political or public agendas.

Intersex individuals, those with VSC, and ira tangata have historically been among the most medicalized communities. As an organization committed to advocating against unnecessary medical interventions, we stand firmly with our allied groups in opposing this consultation. Our shared values and ongoing work to protect bodily autonomy and informed consent deserve respect and recognition.

Standing Together for Change

At Intersex Aotearoa, we reaffirm our unwavering commitment to upholding human rights and fostering a more inclusive society. Together with the Rainbow Support Collective, we will continue to advocate for healthcare policies that are inclusive, human rights-based, and guided by the needs of those they impact most.

In solidarity,

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