

## **Reformed Baptist Church Anniesland**

### **Questions**

**1 Do you have any comments on the proposal that applicants must live in their acquired gender for at least 3 months before applying for a GRC?**

Yes

**If yes, please outline these comments.:**

The new proposals are much too vague. What does "living in the acquired gender" mean.

The removal of medical scrutiny means there is no objective independent assessment.

This leaves the door open to frivolous or malicious claims.

This is a life changing decision and requires a reasonable amount of time to reflect.

**2 Do you have any comments on the proposal that applicants must go through a period of reflection for at least 3 months before obtaining a GRC?**

Yes

**If yes, please outline these comments.:**

Three months is not a long enough time to reflect. Already we have people who have changed sex and now regret it.

**3 Should the minimum age at which a person can apply for legal gender recognition be reduced from 18 to 16?**

No

**If you wish, please give reasons for your view.:**

16 is too young to make a decision which will effect them for the rest of their lives.

Also at that age they are minors and there is no mention of parental consent.

At that age they are very influenced by peer pressure and social media.

**4 Do you have any other comments on the provisions of the draft Bill?**

Yes

**If yes, please outline these comments.:**

Allowing people to choose their own sex without any restraint is fraught with dangers.

People claiming to have gender dysphoria often have other mental health issues.

Such issues need to be investigated by professionals and treated rather than rushing them into life changing decisions.

Malicious people could easily identify as the opposite sex to carry out sexual assaults for example which has already happened.

**5 Do you have any comments on the draft Impact Assessments?**

Yes

**If yes, please outline these comments.:**

The DIA states that surgery will help mental health problems among trans people when research shows the exact opposite