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PREMIER

HON A M BLIGH MP

Level 9 Executive Building

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Dear Premier,

May I request an urgent appointment with you concerning the plight of Transsexual people in Queensland?

Since February 2004 and after four Attorneys-General I have been asking for a response to our request for a Gender Recognition Certificate (GRC) for those born abroad, but now reside in Queensland. The effect of having a GRC issued by Queensland would mean that we are recognised in this State and can then apply to our birth Country (The UK as an example) in order that we can receive an amended Birth Certificate (BC)

After section 8 of the Passport Act was amended in July 2005 we are now expected to have an amended Birth Certificate from our Country of birth before being able to amend our Passport. In order to amend our Passport we also have to have an amended Citizenship Certificate, which in turn is reliant on an amended Birth Certificate.

This really places us in an invidious state of limbo, as without all three items being amended, we are now clearly second class citizens, if even recognised as citizens! Because of this problem, we are unable to travel abroad using our Australian Passport for business or pleasure. We are not fully recognised in our new gender, due to lack of closure and are clearly discriminated against, as the rights we previously enjoyed, are now taken from us. In order to regain those rights to hold a Birth Certificate, Passport and Citizenship Certificate in our new gender, we have to regain recognition of who we are in these three very important areas of documentation.

Yours Sincerely,

Kathy Anne Noble

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