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The Hon Nicola Roxon MP
Health Minister

E-CARD

Dear Minister,

I have written to you before with regard to the implementation of the E-Card.

How will this affect Trans people when it comes into operation? Will all of our history of Gender Identity Dysphoria/Transsexualism be noted either before and after surgery?

Currently, we are discriminated against and our privacy is breached because of the current Health Insurance Commission (HIC) system. This system offers us a new Medicare card and Private health care card in our new name, this after we have completed our change of name. However, when the cards are scanned, they show our old details. This will continue until after we have undergone Sex Affirmation Surgery. We are then obliged to notify HIC of this fact, and they will then amend our records accordingly. Many in the Trans community are not aware of this fact and wonder why they are questioned as to who they are.

How exactly will the E-Card system operate? Will it retain the same insensitive approach as now, or as many of us think, be even worse?

True, we are a small community, but we are very vulnerable and open to abuse of many kinds. There is the possibility that this new system could and will exacerbate our problems.

Some well researched and constructive answers would be most welcome, to us

Yours Sincerely, Kathy Anne Noble.
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