

MEDIA STATEMENT

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To be attributed to a spokesperson for the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network:

The Sydney Children's Hospitals Network strongly supports an evidenced based approach to all aspects of child health and well-being.

Today's article in the Medical Journal of Australia states that the consensus of peer reviewed research is that children raised in same-sex parented families do as well emotionally, socially and educationally as children raised by heterosexual couple parents.

These findings have been replicated across independent studies in Australia and internationally over three decades. This supports the need to ensure the well-being of the family unit in whatever form it takes as this supports the positive development of children and young people.

It is important to note that family processes such as positive relationships within a family, parental well-being and quality of parenting make a difference to the well-being of children, not the composition of the family unit.

Sydney Children's Hospitals Network is pleased to see the focus in the MJA article on providing a sound basis on which to discuss issues relating to the wellbeing of children and young people and supports accurate, objective interpretations of the best available evidence.

The link to the paper is https://www.mja.com.au/journal/2017/207/9/kids-are-ok-it-discrimination-not-same-sex-parents-harms-children?utm_source=carousel&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=homepage

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