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So that's the bottom line and one week to SummerSlam and that John Cena promo on SmackDown last night was awesome and look for posts on Facebook on out of the pan 3cr 855 am Melbourne and also on my page. Sally goldner. And any opinions that I express on the show are strictly my own and not those of any organization with which I've been Associated past or present. And well, we opened up.

Up with Midnight Oil and well, welcome to all the lands and to all the parts of the rainbow and as an educator, when I say we to, I mentioned the term, something like lgbtiq a plus, generally people have a pretty good idea of LGB and cue and once they see the terms for their a, they know what that means, and they might ask some

questions about trans, but a lot of times people will say, what's intersex. What's the eye?

Very, even heard of it. Well, that is indicative. Sadly of where things are at than, unfortunately around the world. And in this country that is now called Australia. There aren't it's not enough awareness of intersex and progress on intersex specific issues, but there is beginning to be some light at the end of the tunnel and to join me on the show to discuss this today is the president of intersex peer support Australia and a board member of intersex human rights, Australia.

Yeah, Tony briefer. Tony. Welcome to 3 CR.

Oops. Sorry. We're and thank you for having me. We had a slight technical hitch there. Yep. Good to have you on the show, Tony just to clarify things. I use the pronoun. She her. Can I check in with which pronouns you use? If any because I want to respect all parts of you, including your gender identity. Okay. At this is a really tricky question for intersex people.

From the very moment. I was born the whole question is made, but what's your sex, which is basically getting it when you ask pronouns. So I hate this question. I'm sorry, because it's not, it's okay because, you know, as I said from the very moment, I was born, doctors were asking. Well, what is it is? Is it male or female? Very nice. What is it, but that's what happened. And then, you know, all the subsequent tests and all that sort of stuff to work out. You know what, my sexy is my Phi.

Pronouns, you know, Tony. She her whatever. But that's all. That's all good. Yeah. It's and it's not about my gender to be on perfectly honest. I really got no idea about the whole gender thing. But but by it's about six for me and my physical sex is well, maybe female. Certainly I've got some some mail six characteristics because you know, I am an intersex person but my

Body is predominantly female. I was raised female socializers female and all that sort of stuff. And so you fit the female pronouns are more appropriate here enough in and totally. Valid to, of course, everyone's experience is their own and the response that you

gave is quite about pronouns is, of course, needs to be affirmed that some people don't want to talk about that. And also that we all age, of course, that some

Including sex characteristics are separate parts of a human to gender identity and gender expression. Yep, and I certainly respect everybody, you know, their gender identity from. For me. The reason I said, we have a good concept of it is because I guess I've been so stuffed around by the doctors and all that sort of stuff, plus, you know, have your body. That's, you know, a combination of, you know, female and male sex characteristics. It's like, well, I just, I just am what I am. And I don't exactly have a

Strong sense of being, you know, male or female particularly given that I'm not really physically exclusively one, or the other, which gets us right into intersects and also issues with the medical profession and what prompted me to get you on. Well, we'll say at this time, not necessarily between noon to one every Sunday, but this time was a few weeks ago. We had an announcement from the Victorian government that there is

It was my spy words. There's movement towards intersex reforms which is incredibly. Well. I'm guessing is incredibly welcome in least in principle, but someone with that lived experience and lived expertise, it was really important that we hear from someone in that situation. So when you saw that announcement what went through your mind and perhaps or Madero, I might also add what went through your heart. What, what? What? Yeah, it's about. It's it's it's

It's been a long time in the making, it's very excited. We've got a, we've got a very strong Victorian government, that's you know, supportive of intersex, human rights and the minister Martin volume particular, wonderful guy really supportive of intersex people and our human rights. So essentially what's happened is excuse me that for the past X number of decades, including when I was a child and intersex person is born and

Doctors assigned a Six-Day reinforce that six surgically. So I'd like, you know, trans kids are other kids with us. Anything goes. So lucky. I was I had my gonads removed without my consent as a child. I had hormone interventions as a child without my consent. All of these things are deferrable. All of these things are not medically required and irreversible and yet they just happen as a matter of course, and they still happen today. This is the thing.

A time really want to stress because people think that these things stopped happening in the 70s or whatever. Do they still happen today? Even things like having a girl that has a big six variation where her clitoris is deemed to be a little bit too big. Would you believe as a little girl that they're subjected to having surgeries to reduce the size of their clitoris, like, what the hell is the medical need for that? So thankfully, the government is introducing. Well, we'll be introducing legislation which still has to be to be.

To get but they've committed to it to prevent those irreversible deferrable interventions from happening. And then with a range of other interventions that if they were to proceed with doctors believe that they need to be need to proceed because of medical issues. Then they go through a panel process to get approved and that panel process includes intersex, advocacy, and human rights issues as well.

Yep, lot Max in there first and I should say that we are mentioning forms of into phobia and should give I just forgot to do that content. Warning a bit earlier my apologies, but if anything is distressing, please reach out for help perhaps including services, like Q Life, which in turn includes switchboard on 1, 800 1845 to seven around the country, switchboard in Victoria and Tasmania, so

Lots, you know, sort of going on in there. There was one question. I wanted to clarify, obviously, as an infant or young child. You couldn't have given consent. Well, though, your parents or Guardians at the time given an informed Choice as well, you know, as well or whether it's sort of pushed out what happened. Their parents are like to, they're basically the ball. So basically, they are, they're told that if we don't remove your child's, gonads, they could result in cancer. So if you tell a parent,

It's that, you know, we need to cut their arm off because otherwise you're going to get cancer, don't appear. It will agree to cut their arm off and this is what happens with it with our garden. So but my parents, for example, were told it. Yeah, if we don't remove her gonads, they can become cancerous. So we going to have to remove them. And as a parent you take, you take the advice of the doctors because, you know, they should know better. So, no, I don't consider that to be informed consent, right?

I wanted to clarify, clarify that, you know, that this is part of the, you know, and another part of the puzzle that parents aren't given informed consent, vulnerable young people, particularly seven days old or however, you know, put in that position. It's still, obviously the, the overwhelming sense of Devastation will obviously, for the person with the intersex variation, you know, his physical psychological, emotional sexual, later on.

That's our e-commerce sexual later on. And then also the stress and the pressure that it puts on parents when it found out that they've been lied to, and they might feel like they've let their child down and all that sort of thing. So, it's a high absolutely. You know, we've got this one, one parent. I'll never forget speaking with her. She's she's had two 12. She had one daughter with was it intersects variation and doctors pressured her into having her daughter's, gonads removed.

It's early days old. So the mother will actually still in hospital having given birth and pressure to consent to this surgery, which he did because doctors, you know, again said to her that. Well if to go in and out to remove they can become cancerous. So she agreed to that and then she's pregnant with child number two, and she's really contemplating. Well, how do I tell Child? Number Two, that how do I child? I'm one that I'm sorry of, I could set it to having your gonads remove, but

You know, Child Number Two. There's no way. Don't I'm going to be consenting to that. Mmm. That's that is yeah, that's a really difficult thing that, you know, that the parent is put in that position of, you know, sort of differential treatment. It would be very hard to, you know, explain that to Child. Number One, even later on with some degree of adults, will say emotional intelligence and it does beg. The point is there, has there been ways thought about?

That situation, you know, there's sort of guides to this. I know it's no, it's obviously no one's fault. But after the fact, when I say no, it's bolted in the family. How do people deal with this after? The fact? Well, having peer support is really important. So, having you do not rushing into making decisions having parents contact the support group and meet other parents of intersex, children, meeting Eco, six adults, all of that's really, really important. So that

They're making decisions based on position of actually of any other an educator position where they know what's going on. So and there was no rush. There's no Russian movie, gonads or keep it going, dad. So they can monitor thing, you know, health and looked at the science and the statistics on how cancerous go dancer in six children and the risks really escalates after puberty, not not as a child anyway, so

Basically, just try to remove any ambiguity and doing the whole, you know, making sure that a child doesn't have any ambiguity about the making sure that, you know, if a girl has got all the female bits, typical female, boots, and boys, all the the mail bit said, you know, anything that that is different is removed, which is just horrible. I mean, it's almost like, you know, if the child was was gay, and they could do surgery to remove the, the gayness that they would it. And that

That's that's again. Why, you know? Intersects really does in my humble opinion fitted to the whole lgbti spectrum. And that is because all of us in the lgbti community are affected by this. Old-fashioned stereotypes of what it means to be male or female and being female means that have a female body that you're straight, that you identify as female nothing else etcetera. And if your mail, you know, your Hedgerow at your very best you later, they don't have any female, you know, feminine traits etcetera, so,

We're all this. We're all one big happy rainbow family is far as I'm concerned. And yeah, it's disgusting. The day that surgeons are able to try and homogenize us. If you like, you know, try and removing any diversity within us. And we just we just natural-born variations where it's not. It should be considered a pathology. I'll look absolutely. So I mean, you know, when you mention the word ambiguity it's like

I felt like, saying, with well into all so polite. What am I trying to say with dry humor? And the problem with ambiguity is, you know, this idea that where there's two boxes of nearly 4 billion and that one box of 4 billion is all exactly alike. And the other box is all exactly alike. Absolutely ludicrous. And I think, I guess I wanted a like, your comparison to would we remove gainers or lesbian or bisexual? Nursing inverted commas. Totally agree? Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. If they could date, they probably would.

That is, if you look at the statistics or the result of this week's, head says you're probably fighting about the 8086 people or well, look content. I'm going to say content, warning

sensors. I have I ever thought that I was a relatively strong person when it came to resilience emotional intelligence, and I was incredibly triggered by the census on Tuesday night as were lots of queer people and allies as well and particularly I think for transgender diverse.

And intersex. There was that commonality that. The question was asked, was so appalling and limiting and erasing and well, you can probably hear my tone of voice going up a bit because I know I can and I'm sure the listeners can too. And just, you know, when you when you say people trying to force as people not to be ambiguous, it is that politicians and bureaucrats religion media, blah blah, blah are playing their games with other people's lives and I really want to stress. That wasn't even the Australian Bureau of Statistics they have

So much work with us. And I feel like I've wasted so much of my time frankly working working with them and they were brilliant. And it was, it was actually, the Skibo politicians that got involved and it did vetoed. Any questions that would actually have have recognized our communities. Absolutely. So I mean, if you're a single person who's gay lesbian or bisexual you've been raised as well and you know, as I say a trans woman like myself, sure I can put

Female, but that doesn't talk about trans and we all know the implications of been, well, discussed, but it's a question of what action, at least. We're in the last week. Labor has announced. They will, if they are re-elected in, whatever the next election is, will want to do better. But, of course, there's lots of ifs in there, as we all know, there's a lot of ifs, but we'll see. So, like, yeah, my, you know, my wife and I, at least we were able to put down that, you know, two women but married in a relay, you know, in a household, whatever.

Nothing was captured about being you know, having a variation of sex characteristics. Yep. With had one of their wee, some radio programs and have regular listeners. We only have awesome listeners on all three. See our shows. And one is Hoffler who's made a number of comments. I just want to come in and acknowledge that nice, that Tony is so open about pronouns, honesty is the best policy. And well, you know, I'm going to say, content, warning.

Not so much for the question itself, but the broad topic here and you can decline to discuss it, but we are going live. So, Hoffler is said, quote. What does Tony think of having more intersex athletes at the Olympics? It reminds me of the South African Olympian, all the controversy when Caster Semenya competed in one of the 800 meters in 2016. So there's that, there's that lot of comments and then Toffler's also added weird census why I asked about military service hilarious, so

Not see what's in there on, of course, all this issue of athletes, which, you know, it just takes. Yeah, I'll definitely talk about exactly. It's but I specifically talk about cast stickers. She's not exactly. Well. She hasn't come out and about in six variation or whatever. So and I'll certainly respect that, but hehe, it's really frustrating. If a firstly, it's funny that there's no issues with intersex men, competing. Mmm. No, so if you're an 86 male, kapiti, you're a man, that's fine.

Fine, but if you're adding six woman, then, you know, you're bad at, you have to be, you know, you have to be excluded at your whole sex. Your gender. Everything is comes into question. It is disgusting what they make people do. So even to the point of having surgeries on their genitals to make them look more female, more FEMA and we don't want to set up a slut. I've, you know, as a dyke of, you know, I've said a few over the over the years, they aren't they.

Nobody's got, you know, chinna. Tell you that look, we've been having look all sorts of different, you know, sorry likes of dr. Wide or all sorts of variations. So it's just nonsense. The whole issues with testosterone levels is just so arbitrary and answers as well, their woman, if, if you look at me, for example, I've got Androgen insensitivity syndrome. I naturally had high testosterone levels, but my body doesn't respond well to the

Roster and I don't think anybody would think that I'm going to have some sort of Advantage at 800, metres 100 metres or anything like that. Although I did do pretty well in shock, but he'll I am multi. You know, it's just nonsense. So if a woman was born with, you know, great lung capacity or big feet if they're a swimmer or whatever dude, that's okay. But if they are variations to be, you know, high testosterone levels did what my God stop it did not really a woman.

Is like what? Like, it's just there. A moment let them participate. It's just bounces. It's and it's disgusting. Well, it's only edited to be women. And for that matter, women of color that I then questioned about their about their sex. Well, that's exactly right. Is this combination of into phobia gender. Stereotypes sexism and elements of racism coming or not elements. Outright racism coming out there as well. All those elements.

That come into it and of course, you know, you mentioned males going Beyond intersects, of course, Michael Phelps, whose body processes, lactic acid. More efficiently is never questioned and he's an amazing hero and a record breaker and all the rest of it. So there is all of that there. But he did this, the whole nonsense that well, we should be competing in a separate games if there should be this whole it.

How disgusting honestly sepi some people. It is vile. Well, yes, I heard a certain commercial radio shock, jock throw that one up the other day and I won't even go any further into detail because they don't want to give commercial radio shock jocks, any more power than they have and this is our time. Anyway, I wanted to come back to a point you raised that is so important. You know, you said the words quite rightly. So but sadly still happening today, this is I think

Think what a lot of people don't get all well, that was years ago, aren't we more in inverted, commas in light and now, unfortunately, we're not even without, let's say before we get the legislation, your hope for which I want to talk about the detail and other things in a second. What can people do now that might possibly prevent an unnecessary surgery. How can people the Allies? I'll start by saying now today 15, not over with Orchestra. I'm not, I'm not, I'm not

Your dock in the future 15 August. What can people do now to start sort of building that allyship towards intersect intersects? Yeah. Well, Jeff really, you know, look up either sex on social media and also are really strong allies lucky quality, Australia and be part of be part of that Network and email email list. So that when the campaign ramps up that they can contact politicians to support us. It's important that

That LGBT organizations are genuine allies with intersex people and it's been. If I can be completely honest. It has been a bit disappointing. In recent years with some groups. It's fantastic with others. Like, you know, if I talk about just the switchboard for example,

or dropping Street or the pride Center, absolutely fantastic and genuine allyship and support with its six Community. But if I look at other groups like and I was going

Ivy glrl, but they're not called that anymore. Victoria prod lobby lobby, um, you know, they which have just basically cast aside intersex. And and even when it comes to their local government campaigns, they're like, oh well, they're not going to include intersex. So if they're campaigning to a council to raise the rainbow flag and trans flag that we advocate for either sex flag, which is just stupid. So, just be a genuine, a lie. It doesn't if your advocacy for LGBT why not be

Be in why not include intersex and work with Aris that it's X human rights, Australia and ip66, peer support Australia. Yeah, you must platforms will be. Could we can talk and educate. People raise awareness about these issues. So lets you know, that we've given the broad brushstroke principles of allyship, which is sort of about listening, or some people say walking beside, the people are question, but let's drill into that a little. Because I think that's important. You know, we're sort of awareness is

Something what does what are some practical specific steps that people can start doing to take this to the next level? Whether it's you know, service provision or anything else? What sort of other things do you need where people can start ad doing that? Allyship work and sharing the emotional labor? Yeah. So it really is about engaging with each sex organizations and and our people our workers. So, you know, the whole idea of nothing about us without us.

Us. So at its, by doing more than just including the eye. When you talk about lgbti issues. It's actually about thinking about well, what service provision of we doing and we including it properly, for example, if the rainbow Tech God bless you my bro, check. I mean, I love the rainbow tick for LGBT stuff, but it doesn't include either sex. So when I hear of group say, yeah, we got the rainbow tick without LGBT inclusive. Well, no, you're not, you know, and and I've said, local governments as an example that

Get it right by tick. They say lgbti and I got nothing if it into six Ed. The most obvious thing I could think of for local governments. And, you know, I'm a city councilor. There was obviously I've configured for like governments. 486 is Maternal Child Health nurses at that area and making sure that they understand what you to success is

understanding referral Pathways so that they could refer a parents of intersex children to intersects networks and supports just

Not that hard, but that doesn't often does. Well. It really happens to be honest. Things like education programs, and often lgbti organizations, particularly large ones. Sorry, I forgot to mention, thought Harbor health, and they've been wonderful as well, for a great Ally, 486, if they get

Funding to do, lgbti training. Well, how about working and funding 86 groups to provide an assist them, with the, it is with intersects training as an as an example. So you actually help you to build capacity for each sex. We use experiment gets very little funding. Mmm. That's that's growing. Thankfully. I mean in some parts and particularly Victoria and again, I'll acknowledge the Victorian state government for that. But if you compare that with your LGBT funding, its it is very very

I did other states if we look at yourself wails, basically love it is, this is funny. Well, yeah, look, there's a few things there. I mean, I'm trying to keep myself out of it. But in terms of the rainbow tick, rest assured. There are plenty of by plus and trans, and gender diverse people who are not happy with that. I thought. Yeah, so I wanted to really make sure we sort of get that on the record. Some are some, aren't just to be clear there.

And it's actually come up in a meeting. I was on during the week, to be honest, which is why the guy fresh in my mind, but I've written a lots of stuff, you know, sort of, as you were talking, and also more, lots more comments in from Hoffler. So, you know, sort of hopeful is saying strong words by Tony. Did Tony use the word slut and keeping it real. Keeping it real love the honesty, but then we get to the two questions that

Half his head in which I think a really good of a little do them in an order. That's logical. The first question. What does Tony think of our media? And by our media? I'm talking lgbtqa+ sort of so-called Community, media IE, Joy FM. What improvements can be made there if any

Ah, sorry my headset is picking up on my phone, my phone, which is ringing. Do me a favor, be like, well, Sally Sally you and I go back and have been on Joy for, you know, I

like 21 years ago or something. So Joy, I've been very, very supportive of us of either sex and we've got a pretend to that's intersects that has an X Program. The the

Eti, press has been really, very good and very inclusive and very supportive of intersex. Even actually even in local government elections recently, last year and throughout. So sorry. My phones are going off and we can have a quick breather if you like and play a track or we can keep going. Yeah, please sorry about that. That's all right. We'll just have that quick breather. So let's just have some music and I'll pick a track just for a couple of seconds.

And the situation is that today is the 52nd anniversary of the start of Woodstock. So I'm going to have some Crosby Stills and Nash and well appropriately enough because we want to make some intergenerational change. Teach your children 3cr 855 am 3cr Digital 3cr Dot org dot U + 3 CR on demand out of the pan with Sally and guest Tony Bravo.

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On demand out of the pan with Sally first broadcasting noon, through one every Sunday afternoon. Thanks for your company. And yes, on the anniversary of the start of Woodstock, teach your children, well, and well, teach the adults not to put unnecessary interventions on intersex children, and that leads back into our gooiest, for this

afternoon. The inimitable Tony briefer, who's calling it, like it is. And there are a couple of things.

That we still to discuss. So we touched on the rainbow tick and remembering that the opinions on this show of my own. But I've, but there is also another important tick that we wanted to mention that I think is really important. Tell us about the yellow tick and yeah, so it's all yellow. Beauty is developing a yellow tick so organizations if they want to show that they are genuinely, you know inclusive.

Of each sex that I can actually sake. Yellow, chick certification. So, the Victorian government has given us some funding to develop it. So it's in development at the moment, but looking forward to that being rolled out. Well, probably early next year. Yep. I was, I was going to ask, I mean, you know, of course, the a nice time to release. It might be the to intersex days in October November, but yes, quite ready yet, but hopefully touch wood fingers toes. Everything we can crossed. We have a midsummer.

Now, usual time slot. Next year maybe around them. Could be the cool. Yeah, that would be. That would be amazing. Yeah, all right, top level. So I just wanted to clarify. Well, I certainly. Wasn't there enough yet. Thanks for clarifying. Yeah. Sure. Hopefully, I had another question. I'll come back onto the intersects reforms in a second, but I'll clear the clear, the decks, so to speak as they say in radio, or I think it was.

Reverend Lovejoy said that on his show on The Simpsons. But anyway, what prominent people does Tony admire and why o brahmana people to I admire? Well, I don't think it'll be any sports people for that. I was for the outset. Wow, A Primitive people. Do I admire?

Oh, that's really, that's really tough one. Not, I'm gonna you can pass on it for now and we'll play only because this is going to sound really a bit wacky for most people in the lgbti community, but people like and, you know, it's hard to get the Catholic schoolgirl out of me, I guess. And I was raised Catholic, it went to a girls school, little, that sort of stuff. But I, you know, the nuns that I had, as a kid, were pretty awesome. And I just

Help us think of very beloved as well. And I just do think of them as feminists and awesome people that you know, just wanted to educate women to become, you know, it

fiercely independent and self-sufficient and you know, but with a good conscience a I actually I'm going to say someone like that. There you go. Yeah, and I totally okay and of course, you're sort of brought, you know admired people are yours and I mean exactly what be Tony Abbott, let's put it that way.

Yes, moving right along. So coming coming back onto the state reforms, you know, sort of, I wanted to come back to two things. First up the, you know, your aim of to have it panel now, obviously, that would have to move, you know, because I may have to move will say, if someone, you know, child is recognized with an intersex variation, that's visible at Birth, you know, then you know, there's

Has to be a very sort of rapid response. If there could be a genuine medical emergency, I suppose, is that's the nice nuanced about this. So at keep in mind, that the draft bill hasn't hasn't been drafted yet. So we've equality Australia, has been undertaking all the consultations and they'll be providing a recommendation to the state government. But the way it'll be is if there's any sort of medical

Intervention, one more. It's considered. You will have to go to a panel for a an assessment of that 1% of that particular case. So it'll be objective. It'll be, you know, considered they'd be, I'm hoping they'll be a child advocate involved. They'll be 86 representative of as well as clinicians and human rights people. So it won't just be collisions as it is at the moment decision and they say yes, let's go.

But also importantly they'll be certain interventions that just will be prohibited. So at the moment at the moment, you know, 2021 at the Royal Children's Hospital, little girl can have her clitoris search be reduced in size, similarly, at the moment, a young baby. It is six boy, could be something. I'm talking about, you know, three weeks old could be subjected to testosterone injections to ensure that.

Well, hopefully, she'll by doctors that, you know, the child, identifies, as male, you know, and all that sort of stuff. Yeah, those will be prohibited, you know, do is there is no way that reducing a girl's clitoris should be legally, you know, possible. There's it's not really required to that shouldn't happen. But if there's a variation and one of the one of the issues with it might be that a child has a hyperspace. So that

You know, the, the child is a boy and the penis opening isn't at the tip. It's get along the shaft or at the base, or whatever. If doctors want to operate, then that's it. Probably a contested space in the net would have to be considered by the panel, right? Yeah. Look at those think this is really important because I think that whilst there is sort of as you've mentioned with some of the organizations who are doing. Well. There's an increased understanding of intersex 101. A lot of people perhaps

Oops, don't quite understand, right? I'd say, I don't times be on that one-on-one, and we called need to keep learning. We all don't know what we don't know, but we've got to get to that point where we no more. I had one other question before I what I have two more thoughts that have come to mind. The variations that perhaps sometimes don't get talked about as much if there is, and I'm going to say, if there is something to be talked about, are those that are less visible at Birth. We all know about the surgery.

Juries and the damaging effects, but we often talk about hormonal and genetic, including chromosomes. What are the situations there that can happen as well? Because I think somebody, let's repeat that because I keep forgetting that. Most people don't even realize that a typical genitalia, is only only present about a quarter of all intersex cases are so. Yeah, most people just automatically assume that intersex is about a typical genitalia at. It's not so most

You know, I yeah, I don't consider myself as having a typical genitalia, for example, both. Yes. So most of my partners would have even known that there was anything different about me. So yes, so for a lot of us, it's not even about eating genitalia, so it could be a girl similar to the way that I was born. That is has, you know, female genitalia and and, and vagina Etc. But his, you know, rather than having ovaries internally, they've got testes.

Internally, so is there a need to remove those testes in a baby? Well, not immediately and maybe perhaps not even ever. But So the plan should be to wait until the child can provide consent and they can decide whether they want to remove them or not. There are benefits even for that in that situation for a girl to retain her testes because in the case of Androgen insensitivity syndrome, so it sounds

Pathology, that's what it's that's what. Also by variation is called the the testes. Yes, they produce testosterone, don't produce a me, but I produce testosterone and the our bodies naturally convert that testosterone to estrogen. So it actually makes means that we just go through a natural feminizing puberty rather than having to, you know, be on hormone replacement therapy from, you know, you too cause puberty and then for the rest of our lives.

Yep. Now we've had another listener come in one of our another awesome listener and severe. Thanks for the show. Sally and I totally agree with Tony's words. Having been I will say content warning here too, but still use the quote here botched up at Birth myself. And as far as the rainbow tick thing, some people or organizations use it, who use it seemed to not practice. Its use all the tall but simply use it as a workplace emblem in my experience. Yeah. All with that. The rainbows

Quran, the door. We've got the rainbow tick. Yes, and I've heard plenty of that from the trans perspective in particular as well. So taught, first of all, if you know, all the safe distance hugs to use, IVF for what you went through and yes, totally affirm as an individual comments there. Tony your thoughts on on that one. Yeah, first, I'm really sorry about your your experience and I'm glad that I'm glad that you're still here that you're a survivor.

Her. And I hope, yeah, feel free to contact me directly. If you like. You remember to the other thing I'd say about rainbow chickies, you know, as a council accounts can get the rainbow take for delivery of of, you know, hope of food to homes for you do. And so the rainbow tick is purely about that and or or maybe even about youth services, but they advertise it as though the whole Council has got rainbow tick and at all their services at lgbti agrees.

But that's far from the case. So I would always look at the scope of the rainbow ticket as well. And this has like a rainbow tick bashing, which I'm not I should I I appreciate people getting it but an organization's getting it but it's not the big picture and it certainly doesn't mean that if you got that tick that you know, you miraculously somehow now, you know our lgbti inclusive because well again, it doesn't include the I probably doesn't include to be and

Yeah, it's about. I mean if I'll talk about Hobson's Bay and I'm not speaking on behalf of the council, but I'm encountering Hobson's Bay. I can't say that Hobson's Bay does not have a rainbow tick, but it would have to be one of the most LGBTI councils in the world. I'm actually going to say and you know, we've done everything in Hobson's Bay from looking at our website. Making sure there's no, you know, heteronormative called. Ted you like it just assumes everyone's heteronormative. We've got all sorts of, you know, LGBTI plan.

In place and you know everything just honestly and and we've been doing it for so long that our Council staff just automatically think about doing all of those things. We've also, you know, hosted and sponsored the better together competences. It helps us. I mean, it's just I'm just so at our we do we have the rainbow to? Well. No, but like you have a big Robotech. I can tell you that. Yeah.

Look, a few things in. We are beginning to get near to the end of our of the show. So offers come back with comments. Just nothing wacky at all that your journey. A great answer about Mary Mackillop. I'm not religious, but respect groups, have a strong social conscious. The Sikh Community has been extraordinary during covid by giving out meals, to disadvantaged groups, please tell Tony that Antonis. Answer was valid Madonna has also I had none. None. Madonna has also admired nuns in interviews as a Catholic girl.

Awesome. You're definitely working. Both in equally, good company. I loved it. I can't say the same for priests. I had fortunately, but the sisters that I had and I'm actually still in touch with and even when, you know, here I am a big bloody create intersex person, you know, Dyke and all that stuff. When I was elected mayor to like commands sent me the most beautiful card to congratulate me from, I'm going to cry just thinking at all. They just beautiful, they just gorgeous.

Yeah, and the last thing I had is coming up, sort of come full circle. And, you know, we do obviously want to get these reforms through, and as you said, Victorian government has been supportive. There's an ALP majority in the lower House of the Victorian Parliament and the Upper House, you know, we've seen has three good particular individuals Samantha random from the greens, Fiona patent reason party and Andy,

medic animal justice, but there are other crossbenchers in the Liberals. And of course, the more you can get cross.

Partisan support, it's better. So what are the? I know it's early days yet. But has there been communication with those the full gamut of politicians from across the whole, spectacle, itical Spectrum, so to speak. Not not yet. I'm happy to work with, you know, meet with an educator. Yeah, many politicians possible. I mean, I would like to think and I'm not coming into into this with any expectations of the Liberals ago.

Go to oppose us. And I know that sounds really strange, but I've conservative politicians have realized that it has six. People are just born this way. This way, we need protection and and some of the liberal politicians have known me for a long time. I went to University with one of them and I know some of the Liberals in the interest of Metropolitan. So I would like to think that they would have to say that this, we don't talk.

About, you know, and thank you for obviously got nothing. No problems LGBT, but this is not about sexual orientation. It's not about gender identity or the trains walls or anything like that. This is about children born this way and parents born with children this way and the importance of supporting them to maintain their physical health. Their human rights, the relationships that they have as a family between parents and children because all of these horrible interventions that need to be stopped.

Opt + e to be considered before they're engaged. Have a horrible effect on relationships and families and the well-being of intersex people. So, yeah, look, I'm hoping that they will be pretty open-minded and respectful of that and supportive of the legislation. Yep, but that said, I know that the Royal Children's Hospital fighting this. They want to continue doing these surgeries on children, then what a

Doing other whole bottle interventions. So God knows what discussions and what lobbying The Royal Children's Hospital doing? And please don't think that it's a Royal Children's Hospital bashing exercise by me. It's they, they do lots and lots of lots of great work and I know 99% of their work is fantastic, but it comes to intersex people there. They are still our abusers, and that needs to change. Ideally, it would have changed just by their body to change. But it's going to take the

Relation to cause this change. And, and I'm hoping that within a couple of years. I realize that this is actually the best way forward that they could apologize for the stuff that they've done and we can work better together. Moving on. Yep. Off was coming with more comments as we get towards the end, to Great Testament to the people in your constituency that they've elected you. Yes, you told. I'm not sure. Yes. You don't need it. No AARP members question mark, thought, Steve Demopolis was a supporter so

And Tony's asked who you went to office, asked who you went to University with which I'm, you've course. You don't have to say. Yeah, I actually was at the Student Union with, with David Southwick. So he's he knew me, you know, 30 years ago, and, and I'd like to think that he's had be understanding of my situation and also supportive of, you know, protecting people from

Going through what I went through. As a child fair enough. All right, one one. Very last thing Tony for all the obvious and totally affirm the challenges and stuff. That's thrown it. Intersects. What are the positives that you know, your intersex experience has brought to you and that perhaps intersex people bring to society beyond the fact that of course everyone has unique skills and things. Yeah, what would you like to throw in there? Because I think that is important, that we keep some focus on that. Thanks Ellie. And I

The biggest thing for me, it's funny. It's a double-edged sword. The stuff that I went through as a child at the Royal Children's Hospital, what awfully difficult it also made me.

You know, certainly more compassionate understanding, particularly people who have difference in people with disabilities and people that, you know, can't speak for themselves. So even in my, my maiden speech as a counselor, you know, 2008. They're the people that are that. I remember the kids that I went to get upset, but I've talked about a silver, but I was in the hospital with that. We're very ill. I'm lucky. I'm so lucky that. I ideal definitely have a terminal illness or any illness really?

It said they did and I just I just want to I've always wanted to try and help people to going going through that and and by I don't know going through what I did. I guess it's made me a very strong passionate believer of Human Rights. That's a fair pick up that

empathy that you know, okay. I've been through stuff just for being who I am. Why should anyone else have to endure it? I think that's a great note. And now having that Thinking Beyond.

Your own experience and looking for that commonality of just let's be kind to people what a good note to finish on Tony. We are unfortunately out of time than we better than you, but I think we covered the objectives. We'll keep in touch with you and please keep in touch with the show and 3cr on upcoming campaigns. I'm just going to take us out with the track and so hang onto the zoom for just a second and talk. We talked a lot about bodies today. So I'll take it out with Eiffel 65 from way back in the 90s and

If your body Tony, thanks for your time on the show today and I'll we, of course, will should be back next week with more Duets. Coming up. Freedom of species Harley McDonald Echoes. Hello Echoes. Hello from animal Rebellion on their campaign demanding. A McDonald's goes. Totally plant-based by 2025. So 3 CR diverse radio. Thanks for tuning in to out of the pan. I'm Sally Goldner catcher next week.

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