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Statistics show that when we break the natural order, things just start to go wrong. People, including men, get hurt. Children, including developing men, are abused. Relationships break down. Families break up. Father wounds are created.

It concerns me that the present Federal Government's approach to men's health is seriously affected by its intolerance of views that differ from its own. This was demonstrated by the removal of Mr Warwick Marsh, one of the most appropriately qualified people for the job, from the position of men's health ambassador on the grounds that he is opposed to the normalisation of homosexuality. His critics, willfully or otherwise, confuse issues and wrongly accused him of fearing or hating homosexual people. A closer look at the man reveals that, while he is opposed to homosexuality, he loves and respects homosexuals.

That a minister of the Government would withdraw the appointment of a respected promoter of men's well-being simply because he holds evidence-based views that are at odds with those of the homosexual lobby is disturbing. This action suggests that the Federal Government considers support for the full claims of the homosexual lobby as an essential qualification for holding any public office.

When the Government rejects the reality of the natural order in favour of some politically correct philosophy, its approach to and genuineness about men's health is thrown into question. The Minister for Health's reported comments on Mr Marsh's views on homosexuality inspire no confidence that the Government will seek the best for men's health, but rather will use it as a facade to further its own interests.

It is bizarre that this coercive denunciation and weeding out of politically incorrect viewpoints is being done in the name of tolerance. But such tolerance is all one-way. It is all about tolerating, embracing and celebrating the homosexual lifestyle, but not about tolerating any dissenting views or even allowing them to be heard. So much for tolerance, acceptance, democracy and the quest for what is best, including for men's health.

For men's health to be suitably addressed the government must accept and work with the reality of the natural order and not attempt to redefine it.

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