

## **MEDIA RELEASE:**

## **TICKLE v GIGGLE FEDERAL COURT HEARING 28 APRIL**

Conflict between women's rights and gender identity ideology headed for potential constitutional challenge

In the *first test case of its kind in Australia*, the Federal Court is set to determine whether a person who claims a "gender identity" can nonetheless be discriminated against by reason of their sex. Roxanne Tickle, a trans identifying male was removed from Giggle for Girls, an online space for women and girls to connect without unwanted attention, intrusion and harassment from males. Tickle's removal followed an examination of a selfie uploaded, which revealed Tickle's male sex. Tickle claims the removal was unlawful discrimination on the grounds of gender identity.

Tickle's complaint to the Australian Human Rights Commission was terminated in 2022. Tickle then pursued a complaint against Sall and Giggle in the Federal Circuit Court before discontinuing. Tickle has commenced a new application over 200 days out of time in the Federal Court funded by the Grata Fund, seeking a public apology, full access to the app for males who assert "female gender identity" and aggravated damages against Giggle and Sall personally.

In a public hearing in the Federal Court in Sydney on 10.15am on Friday 28 April 2023, Justice Bromwich will hear argument on the competency of Tickle's application, by which Giggle will contend that Tickle's removal from the female social networking app was not because of Tickle's gender identity, which was at the time unknown, but Tickle's male sex.

Should the case proceed, it will launch a landmark constitutional challenge.

If successful, this could set a precedent that resolves the conflict introduced by Gillard's <u>2013 Sex</u> <u>Discrimination Act amendments</u>, protect necessary sex-based rights for females, and render any inconsistent State legislation such as sex self-ID laws questionable.

"This is not what I wanted or expected to be doing when my Mum and I conceived of and launched the Giggle app. But knowing what I know now about the impact of gender ideology on women and girls, and how little Australia has listened or learned from the experiences overseas with similar cases, I could not turn my back on this fight. It is too important to all of us, and if there must be a test case, I am willing to step up for that. Especially to protect the future of my own daughter," said Ms Grover.

To defend this legal challenge, Giggle developed its own crowdfunding platform gigglecrowdfund.com as women fighting similar legal battles in other jurisdictions have been removed from crowdfunding and litigation-funding platforms.

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