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Any opinions I express on the show are strictly my own and don't believe they'll be any content notes today but will give numbers if needed and opened up today with Dragon blue blue, which reminds me, of course, do you think the crew from Out of the Blue diving deep for the marine news as they do every Sunday morning from 11:30 till noon and someone who happily survived their first time as we like to call it driving the big Starship Enterprise panel that controls all that is on 3 CR. Well done for doing that. It's part of community radio, if you want to get involved in community radio, get in touch with us via our website and or perhaps call the office during business hours.

Well, lgbtiqa+ I can sometimes be not understood, misunderstood inaccurately referred to what I've got someone in the studio with me to talk all about that current issues and more and it is my pleasure to welcome to the first time in the 3 CR building. It is my pleasure to welcome in a my guest today and Paul Bryne Maroney. Welcome to 3 CR,

Thank you so much. I'm just thrilled to be here. Thanks for the invitation. It is my pleasure and I think will mention it straight away. You're no stranger to radio, but this time you're on this time, you're on the other side of the proverbial panel, well I'm also on the other side of the river. You know, it's Emily of the listeners will know that there is a wonderful radio station over there at the Victorian Pride Center Joy 94.9 and I've got the only intersects radio show that we know of in the world. The ins Thursday's 6:54 but we're not here to talk about that. I would love you to tune in. But yeah, we're here to talk about to unpack. Maybe some of the myths of what it means to be intersex and clarify. And as Sally rightly said some of the issues that some of our community faces.

Well, there is a lot to talk about and look I'm a firm believer that the more people often as I like to call it lived expertise we have talking the range of lgbtiq i+ issues. We need it always. I think it's always a good thing but of course in these times which are proving challenging at times we need it more than ever where to start. I want to ask to start first by just telling you a little bit about yourself. You're known as an intersex advocate and speaker, and I don't mean a high 51 or a TV. One could be or radio speak, not woof, no morphing or tweeting, not that sort of speaker. But, seriously, just start by describing a little bit about yourself pull.

Yeah, sure. And importantly, to on that, note to understanding that for most of my life, I didn't know that I'm intersex that I have an innate variation of sex characteristic. So I spent my youth hide in my body away from the age of 7 I used to fold my arms in front of me, pushing out my chest and my biceps, to try to look as big as my brothers and my friends used to avoid going swimming and swimming pools. I started to create a kind of a narrative of protection that I didn't like to wear Speedos but I was happy to wear board shorts. I avoided all School sports and I also declared myself an equalist very art early on. Not knowing that I actually didn't have virtually any testosterone racing in my body to motivate me to be. Better than someone else. So yeah, that that affected my social life. I avoid intimacy because I didn't want to be seen. And eventually, I found myself at a meditation center, actually not far from where we're sitting today in Fitzroy. And in 1993, did a course called, Freedom From Fear, that gave me the understanding that I could face anything that followed sharing my life experience for the first time.

I'd never spoken to my parents or anyone about what I was going through on a daily basis. And I rang the sexual health clinic and about six months later, I learned that I've got xxy sex chromosomes. I was told I have Klinefelter syndrome that I'm infertile that I'll be on testosterone replacement therapy for the rest of my life and I was sent on my way. Yeah.

Now that there's a couple of things there. Can you remember? I'm, this might sound silly question, but you remember what?

It felt like, at the time, what were the feelings going through your mind? When someone said you had X XY chromosomes, and perhaps expand on that in just a little more detail as to what that actually, what that actually sort of means if I can go and just down to the next level of detail. So we can get a load. Anding, it's totally important and I'm sure most listeners today, will remember your a door year 9 biology? When they were told the boys have XY, sex, chromosomes, and girls have XX. And that's, that's the

That's the end of it. Interestingly one in 500 people have xxy or xx, and XY, or a whole variety of other variations if you like in their chromosomes, and this is just one is important to understand. This is just one intersex variation or one and eight variation of sex characteristics and there's over 40 of them. But this is my one, this is my lived experience. So, what it means is that, my body doesn't prove never produce

Much testosterone, extremely low levels a little bit more than the typical female. But nonetheless because of the Y chromosome. I'm a male and there are female XX, why people out there as well, important to say that obviously fewer there. But this, this particular lack of testosterone leads to hypotonia from birth. So, the developmental Milestones were slower. So my Mother was able to share in hindsight, that I took me longer to crawl to walk to roll over to even hold my head up as a newborn and that and then later to be able to speak. So there was also cognitive challenges going on that we now know are akin to ADHD and autism and things like that that are directly attributable to my variation and that's what those things are. Traits and petite potentially, it could have been signposts as well. No, one ever thinks all this child's acting. To have ADHD. Maybe they've got an extra X chromosome now. I well I mean is a few layers in that first of all, most people perhaps don't even want to think about ADHD, he or and for that matter autism and other forms of neurodivergent but they're probably not aware of or wouldn't

think to think you know about variations of sex characteristics. Yeah. Yeah. Would be the first thought I'd have think I want to clarify one in 500.

Jared was the statistic you mentioned. How is that for your particular situation? For all chromosomal variations or something else again for xxy? Uh-huh, no one there was a study done a few years ago that I can't remember the details in the states or something. That suggested that one point seven percent of the pot of all populations, have an innate variation of sex characteristics. So we kind of use that statistic but we'll talk about it later. Not be included in the census.

Things like that means that we're not able to actually identify the percentage in Australia and that would be extremely helpful but we just throw that figure around but yes and some of the other variations that one might hear about a is hate using the pathologize language but its necessary Androgen insensitivity syndrome when someone has a y chromosome but their body doesn't respond to the way and the androgens. So,

They are women that these variations might occur in one in ten thousand or 1 in 20,000. So unit, in Turner syndrome having an X chromosome, things like this, we are trying to D.

Pathologize our community as best as we can. Because even the AMA last year at the National Conference, put forward, a motion, that our community be recognized as being part of human diversity, which is all it is. I mean, yes, you know.

26 is start variation of six characters, these different to, you know, that we are, we'll call it the ninety eight point, three percent of the population, but it's not better, it's not worse. It's just different in a neutral underlined 48 fonts. Yeah, yeah. And and, and our physicality and which could be our genitals are chromosomes. Our reproductive systems. You know, we're all on a spectrum of maleness and femaleness,

And it's important to share with the listeners that intersects is not a third, biological sex category know where it was in a spectrum of maleness and femaleness and some people are more typical than others where less difficult than others, but he has all the case of being male or female and just having physical differences. Yeah, well look, that's exactly it. I mean, you know, we're all as I say different in that one, even if just for a second, put

Side variation of six characteristics. I'm sure in many ways even including on maleness and femaleness the 98.3%. The Forty eight point one five, who we can instantly gonna put em on a bit certificate and 48.1 5f, there's probably differences in there as well. We just maybe haven't spotted them, don't know them or they're not viewed negatively by medicine and science. Yeah yeah absolutely. And in Australia there has been an option to put an

Alternative marker if you like on birth certificates. Yeah. Quite a while for intersects, as in IE, intermediate or other. But it's never been used. There is no that we're aware of that, that's never happened because we're male or female. And sometimes, at least, in terms of the appearance of the genitals at Birth, it may be more difficult to Define that mountable femaleness but

This is where we start to come again up. Again, some of the issues for our community about choices. Been cosmetic Choice has been. Yes but yeah but it's just important to know that we are just part of that Spectrum. Yeah well that is the thing that leads us into the the to the topic as we talk about variation of sex characteristics on 3, CR 855 am 3 CR Digital 3, CR dot org dot a you and

3 CR On Demand with my guest Paul Bern Maroney, you know the situation where the variation is. I'll say different to expectations of, in big big, big inverted, commas expected as I say male or expected, female, and what happens and I think there's hope amongst 3 CR listeners. There's some awareness of that but I won't assume it so just a little bit on that. But also what's been the out?

Comes of that. And what do we now trying to do to prevent things from, to get better outcomes? Let's say might be a good way to frame that question, you know, it's the whole surgery thing where it's been and where are we at now? And what are you doing? Yeah. So we are very clear

that sometimes it is medically necessary to do a surgical procedure on a newborn or a child for their, their health. There are some innate variations of sex.

Interest expense that another trait of them, for example, is salt wasting. So if that's occurring, this child is not going to survive and it's necessary to have interventions however for for anyone who has a typical. Unfortunately the word that is banded around is ambiguous and ambiguous immediately brings up. Oh well we can't have a child growing up with ambiguous. Genitalia ones. What's going to be the

And they their experience growing up in school. What's going to, how they going to watch their sense of self, you know, going to be around that and it to be to be frank. The the legislation that we now have in the act and Victoria, which we will talk a bit, is saying it is not the choice of a surgeon. And there's not the choice of the parents to decide how that child, who that child is. Yeah, and even

What they will be raised. As because there is no evidence. That the only evidence is that. If children have these prints on that medically, unnecessary, cosmetic procedures procedures on them, they end up having lot more surgeries. Yeah, lot more intervention lot, more attention drawn to them and a lot more trauma. Yep. And, and even more stigma, and also to, they're often told to a hideaway to not saying,

Saying to, you know, to that they are basically a human anomaly that should never be discussed. So there is no evidence. Has never been any evidence to suggest that having doing these surgeries benefit to the child. Yep. And later the adult it, although it's also obvious that our baby doesn't have that agency. Yeah to identifiers anything or you know that sort of thing. So all we are saying is that medically unnecessary that any

Major that can be deferred until individual is able to make an informed decision for himself needs to be deferred and now that is enshrined in law. Yeah. In the act in Victoria. Yeah. And in the AC 10 Victoria and the ACT a lot of work went into that legislation. Yeah. To sort of make it as best as possible and you know whilst obviously there might be gotten I'll say, Possibly Dot and common variations, around the states, and territories, and gave a good template and week, but we'd hope it can be as consistent as possible, a room as we move around, or eight states and territories and get it done, which would be wonderful. But you've answered a question there in relation to the panel. And there's two things that tell us a little about the panel, how that who's on, what how it works. And also the, the wreck the Now, is it a recommendation or a directive that the panel gives in the Victorian and the act that I'll be honest I'm not entirely across all of that. High-level legislative information, what I do know is from a learning perspective from the act in the few years that it's been, it was implement it was it came into law in 2023 so any three years into it. Yeah, one of the important factors is the composition.

Of The Advisory Group. So if a child is born, then under law, or there needs to be a discussion or it needs to be deferred to an Advisory Group to discuss whether or not a procedure should happen. When run is necessary. If it's a no-brainer for the listeners, that if those committees are top-heavy with medical people, who all of their life have learned through school and Practiced that that basically these children are born with abnormalities that they that it is necessary to operate. And then you have a small number of people with lived experience as in. They are ya intersex on that panel then that's going to complicate complicates going to complicate those decisions. Yeah and it also gives less a voice to those with the lived experience who can say, hang on a minute, that happened to me.

Hmm, you're wrong. Everything that you've argued for why this procedure should proceed is not accurate. Yeah, you can't provide me the evidence of it and I can provide you the, the evidence of the opposite. So there needs to be complementary representation and when governments say that they value lived experience. Yeah. It needs to not, it needs to be genuine. Yeah, not take.

They need to actually not W. Exactly. And there's just been for too long. Take it too. Much tokenism around this. All we really want to hear from you.

Yeah, hear from us. But are you really listening? You're going to take action that we recommend its yeah, yes. Yeah. And one thing that the so listeners, if you're not sure, we now have in Victoria, the health safeguards for people. Born with variations of sex characteristics, 2025 and one of the differences with this particular, one is also has a restricted, medical treatment oversight panel as it's called here in Victoria, but it is also a little stick and that little Jake, is that there's been an introduction of a Prohibition against knowingly, or recklessly providing An approved medical treatment in certain circumstances. So basically, that means if that a hospital or physician does, do surgeries on a child that were not necessary, but to the extent that they are doing a regular recklessly, mmm, then they can be held to account good. Good and that doesn't exist in the ACT Provisions. Okay. And under their law. So there are and also Tasmania actually is also starting to progress the potential. We can't talk about it. There's a lot of cloak-and-dagger going on Earth are always is with legislation. Yeah, but they may well, be the next cab off the rank. Yeah. Jurisdictionally to protect our children and you know, the this law just hasn't said

Arrived on our doorstep. This is the work of Morgan, cabin, attorney briefer. And so many people and it's important listeners, for, you'll understand. This isn't my lived experience. So when the, when the Victorian legislation came through, I was being asked to be interviewed on camera about it because I was at the parliament. I said, no, no, no, I'm not the person to speak to just because I'm into sex, doesn't mean that I've had surgeries and that I'm can share that. There are plenty of other people.

I hear that. You should be speaking to. Yeah. And many of those are there. Stories are covered in the equality. Australia report. The missing voice which I encourage listeners to have lockers at as well. But yeah. It's the legislation has come about after Decades of advocacy. Yeah and it's about time. Well, very, very much. So it's about time, you know. And the next

Well, I step in my sort of, as you, as I say, has to be to get this around to the remaining Six States and territories and I'd heard, you know, sort of Tasmania is the likely next cab off the rank as well. It seems that Tasmania I think somehow it's the nature of their Parliament that it's a smaller population. It's probably easier to connect people. Get the work done, whereas the far-flung areas of our bigger States and territories combined with

Also a small population in a large area can make things difficult, which is why and also the structure of the parliament. Yes. Well, that's the thing. They're Upper House, has a lot of Independents. Genuine is a get-well, genuine Independence and that sort of thing, and the lower house represented elected by proportional representation. Yeah. And I think this is the thing that perhaps people are not quite clear about. There's the, there's a whole range of variations of sex characteristics, genitals chromosomes hormones, and so

Not everyone that lived expertise will have its for lack of better words, those sort of subgroupings if you like. Yeah, yeah, it's also important to know. For example, when I learned at the age of 28 in 1994 that I have Klinefelter syndrome, I had to learn for myself. I didn't hear the word intersex until 10 years ago. 22 years later, wowsie, and to this day my endocrinologists out at Monash Health, don't

Consider people with sex chromosome variations to be intersex. So there are a large. It's why we're, and you're hearing it today listeners, that Sally and I are shifting between using the word into something and Nate variations of sex characteristics because there is a large number of people with with different types of variations that have only ever known the medical term to describe themselves such as Klinefelter syndrome.

Yeah, and myself. So I didn't at and I mean, as I said I was sitting on my way not even with psychological support or referrals about how these hormones were going to affect my body and my mind and my libido for that matter. Which was a I basically had puberty at the age of 30, you

know, and there's just no support. So what often happens and and you might be alluding to this L is that all sir, peer support organizations grow around?

And particular variation. So yeah, the Klinefelter syndrome. I founded the look, The Klinefelter syndrome support group of Victorian 2006, with another member of my community. When we were both asked to go and speak at the Children's Hospital in Melbourne, right there were a number of parents there and the Physicians nurses. Doctors stood up there and said there are there's a only about 60 only about 30% of xxy people, or Klinefelter people, will they Ever know. And that's because they don't have any symptoms that's because they are asymptomatic. And I stood up for my talk and I began by saying everything that you you you and you said it total bullshit. Well total, yes, I know that I'm a day but that's alright, I don't know. I mean that's that's that's word for word. That's what I thought and I on their faces dropped and I said, I

Experienced Hal, a hellish life, all of the things I've learned about klinefelter's since I learned about it, which was the at that point twelve years, previous I had. And I can say now, in 2026 that I have met many, many people with my variation, who would, who learned about it late in life, Summers age of 50 or 60 or 70, every single one of them.

When you go through the checklist of what it means to have this variation says yep. That happen to me. Yep, that happened to me yet, that happened to me. So it's the medical profession. If they're saying that we're asymptomatic, the trying to get off the hook. Yep, of the fact that they don't know enough about us to recognize it. And to be able to go down, the pathway is necessary to recognize it and support those individuals. Yeah, look just clarify my Ponce. It was like, I was just sort of like wow, why are you know, sort of I think we need to call things as they are and be assertive. It's just that was my response was. I was wondering what I was was sort of. My why was I wonder how they took that? Not that it well, they know. Well, you know, well, as I say their jaws dropped, you know. We, we talk about hierarchies. I was there to talk about my lived experience which I've been doing ever since. Yeah, hundreds of talks. They were the

Top of the medical, you know, hierarchy and they were no doubt shocked that I was that. I said that to them, but out of that his name was Karen and I started the support group. And also at that time, we also have Australian X and Y, Spectrum, support group axis, which is Australian one. Not the American one. Yep. So they're supporting people with a range of sex characteristics where you have peer supporters Australia, which used to be a A is a Androgen insensitivity a support group of Australia. Yeah, but that is now peer support Australia and I'm the Victorian rap for that watch. So, you know, and that's and that is now a support group for every person in Australia, who has an innate variation, we have Retreats, we have our wonderful Interlink psychosocial support which is an accredited support service and we're we're we're we're going the big guns, you know. Now.

But we are still only a small number of people in the community of course. Yeah, there are two things I just wanted to clear up or Clash. Sorry from our conversation so far in relation to the legislation in Vic and acte. Yes. So, the panel has a discussion on whether a surgery is needed or not. Can parents / Guardians do, is it compulsory for them to follow that recommendation? And ation.

Yes, they must. Okay, I've our helpline is having the oversight panel is to. I know this is controversial that I think it's always going to be controversial. For example, might even be in Tasmania discussion about whether or not parents should be members of the oversight panel, hmm? The actual parents of the child. And of course, there's always the argument that parents have the right to make decisions.

Stations about the health and well-being of their child in every capacity. And so they might be feeling disempowered and an extremely uncomfortable that they can't make decisions about those surgeries what we're at that through education. So intersex Community here in Australia

now, have yellow tick, which is a an accredited intersex, inclusion training available to hospitals schools. You name it often.

Because rainbow took accreditation just did an adequately include us so it would done it.

Ourselves education is the key. Yeah. And so whether a parents are on those panels or not, the key is how the decisions are communicated to them. Yeah and how they are, supported to understand why decisions were made. And that the procedures that were talking about are deferrable and they could happen, it can happen.

Later in life. If their child, when they're able to make an informed decision for themselves, which may be in their mid or later, teens, or adults time yet can make that decision for themselves and it's not going to be problematic for their child. Yeah. That deferral to occur, as I said, even if a procedure is medically necessary,

Then it will take place, but it's like sometimes when I do my talks, we often say that intersex people are 1.7 percent of the population of same as people with red hair. Yep. If a child was born today at the Children's hospital and they had red hair. You could see that they had red hair when they were born. Yeah. And the Physicians went to the parents and say look I only one point seven percent of the population has red hair, most have brown

Blond or black hair. We're concerned that your child might experience stigma, might be teased growing up. Then they're going to really struggle with the their comfort around who they are.

And so we've developed some pills so that and your child will need to take them for the rest of their life. Would you like your child to have blond black or brown hair got you? Now, if listeners consider that to be completely,

Lately off the wall, you know, log and similarly, we assign. Why would why is that absurd and operating on intersex? Kids? Not absurd. I'm with you. That's a brilliant. Brilliant. Brilliant way to put it. That just makes it makes it so clear and you know the thing is in the past we know parents didn't get any information or have any say in

In it at all. And it needs to be as you say an informed choice. And that's, as you say, it's communication so critical and that's communicating it in a way that gets it across. Britain, that is like excellent. And people often say, you know, if you've met someone with red hair, chances are, you've met an intersex person? But I like to reverse it, if you met an intersex person, then you're likely bet some with red hair and if people are like, but, of course, that's something someone with red hair.

Well, unless they what is it done? Either do the tips, but all those other, well, I was actually at my, I go to hydrotherapy at watermarking Greensboro. And I was there recently and I, there was 40 people there. Yeah. And the facilities, and 15 of them had red hair and I think in this 1.7% just on the the group I've got him in front of me, is total rubber 25%, excuse me, but there are only one, you know, let's go.

All at one point seven, two two mates. They weren't dying their Roots dark or blond. Yeah, some of the older people in the pool, May well have been, so I may have taken you guessed there, but no those large number and I guess the other thing and I, you know, it's difficult for. I'm sure listeners to hear this type of thing, as well in reference to our differences recognizable in vitro. Yeah, but sadly.

Diamond IVF clinic in Australia, Melbourne anywhere and around the world where they do prenatal or, you know, vitro tests around, recognizing fa, embryo carries a certain condition for want of a better term. Yeah. When they learned that a child is xxy, invariably the embryo is discarded this test has been available in Australia.

Ever since the early 70s, I was born in 1966 and had I been conceived by my parents in the 70s. There is a high likelihood. I would not be sitting here in the studio today. Well and in some countries around the world like Scandinavia because it's the same test test to test for Down syndrome and things like that people with certain innate, variations of sex characteristics don't exist. Now, I've got a degree

Relationships. You know, I've achieved a great deal in my life. I've been a zookeeper it's who got all these wonderful things, you know, they're there. It's Eugenics 101. Yep. You know because based on fear that some person in the reproductive industry, the assisted reproductive Technologies Industries saying them your child might have some learning difficulties Or they may not be able to have a child. Now that's not an absolute. Yeah you know I could have had children through procedures available now to find viable sperm in my testes. It's not absolute, but we're being discarded were being eliminated from from society, that's tough to hear. But again is, you know, you know, again, I don't want anyone out there with red hair or any other disability difference.

In appearance and it can be triggering but if you know if you could if that test did pick up even some of those other physical characteristics and parents were being offered the opportunity to not continue the pregnancy because of those differences, how absurd the would that be, but that's happening all the time. Yeah, I'll have the world that's, it's sobering and it's frightening. But, you know, as you say, you've got to say it.

I will say to people, if there is anything now that is distressing, please talk to someone about it and I'm going to be say I'm I hope that Q life including switchboard, might be a good place to talk to you know for people with variation of sex characteristics and intersex, which I also have a question about in terms of that terminology but if that is a good place then 1-800 1845 27.

So, because it's not for me as an intersex person to say. Whether it is, yeah, well, it takes peer support, Australia point for our community. Yes. That's why advertising to. So I'll put the link to that. I think or dog dad are you. There are a lot of lgbtqa+ organizations for narborough comes to mind as well. But again, they don't have people working there that have lived experience, which is the critical thing. Yeah, all right. Well, I'll put the link to

It's a into the chat. Now, the thing that I want, I'm sorry into the podcast, link for the shot. Sure. Now, the thing that I wanted to clarify is be precise, I would like to be precise. Sure on the difference between variation of sex, characteristics and intersex. You know what, perhaps what desert shover and what doesn't make to cover? Even though I psa's website does have it, let's get it on to the

Yeah, sure. Yeah, yeah. And if listeners want to dive deep into that, go to interaction dot-org today. You, that's our national advocacy organization and also, I link dotnet got a you because that's not only our psychosocial support organization and work. It's also a resource Hub. So that that's been set up to provide that sort of information on the different variations. But in terms of your question, intersects historic,

Really, if we go way back was used as a term to effectively main that hermaphrodite type. Yeah, individual. And I use that term begin their historical context. Yeah, there are many people in our community who embrace the term just as I'm not a queer person but a large probably most lgbtiq a plus, people might embrace the term queer so it's about not making assumptions on the applicability of it of terminology.

But what intersects is now? Contemporarily is an umbrella term. Yeah, for people born with innate variations of six characteristics that might be their, gonads, their chromosomes, their reproductive, and their hormones. So, it's purely, and when I put that to my endocrinologist, who doesn't think I'm intersex? The penny dropped for her and she said, I'll now, I get it because she'd come through those years of medical eyes.

Ation and and other terms, you know, like and listeners you'll know, you know the old Tin Pan Alley from the 19th century, the bearded lady, all that sort of stuff, you know, certainly sometimes they might have put a bid on a woman, but we know for a fact that our community was often subject to that type of, you know, horrible circumstance of being put in a cage because the difference. And so it was what

For those intersects variations that more overtly presenting as being you know, marrying maleness and femaleness that's the old term of intersex. Now it's number relative and therefore when we encourage people to go to these websites to learn about the many variations, they're



all innate variations of sex characteristics and their intersects variations right? Okay. Thank you for putting that one across. I hope.

I managed to hold my thoughts together. Well enough to explain that. Well what it is. You're lived expertise. You know, I'm it I genuinely say I'm sure it is good. There is something else, of course that we what we a couple of things we need to cover. As we get, got the times y so fast. And here we are at sort of as we broadcast. It's around this fact program for the first time. It's nearly a quarter to 1:00 but there are two more things to cover one. Which actually Could be a bit challenging, but I think we've again, it's, we got to talk about it, the census and well, six people not included, I have heard different. I'm going to put in inverted, commas explanations, but I'm not someone that they lived lived expertise, you are. So, you might know more than me. I'd welcome your thoughts. I'll just leave it at that and ask for your thoughts on the census process.

The outcomes and What needs to change to make sure we get it right in 2031 indeed by which time I'll be 65 so it would be nice to be countered by that. Yeah. The we have been tilted, no guarantees. So again over myself only known the word. Intersects for 10 years I've been involved in advocacy around the census for seven or eight years. Yeah. When here in Victoria and regionally across the country lgbtiq, a place people were invited.

Added to come to consultation forums to talk about the benefits of being included in the census. Continue to be part of that process Morgan Carpenter at the higher level with the Attorney General's office and more directly. The ABS has been a part of that and of course, Tony prefer and so many more. We, as I mentioned before 1.7 at a minimum percentage of population.

Those people and if you know otherwise what I've read Sally, those people who are transgender or gender verse coming at zero point nine percent of the population. So call it half. Yeah. But and yet this year and we celebrate this. Of course, rightly so gender and sexual diversity. Has now been added to the census. Yeah, but for the, our community,

We haven't and why one of the odd things about. I mean, yeah, it's very upsetting to be told again and again, and again, that if that, they weren't able to come up with an appropriate question to ask, that would be understood by the average person responding to the census on census night. That is a requirement for any question in the sense. Yes. And it always has been yeah for the online form.

In the questions about sexuality and gender diversity. There was a button, you can push titled more information. So if you didn't understand what it was asking, then you could find out and then answer in an informed way. Now, obviously, on a paper copy of the senses that is not true for gender, diversity, sexual diversity, either. Therefore why could they not have the question that we

Would suggest they have and I won't go into that right now, but and then have more information as an option. So people can learn more about it. Why have it for one and not for the other?

Yeah. So the other thing is they say that due to their belief that the Australian population doesn't understand what it means to be intersex or have an innate variation. Then the data they would get from the responses. Can't be relied upon. Yeah, because people might say,

Yes or no, when they are art. Yeah, because they don't know what it means. That's where education comes in. How much sense of Community Education went on around the inclusion of the new questions for Jenna and sexually diverse Pride at the census to support people to understand what it was about. Yep. The same amount that would have been necessary perhaps for our community. Yeah, the only way that we're ever going to be included is if the community and can demonstrate that.

That they understand who we are. Yeah, and that's only going to happen if our voices are heard the other challenge with the census. Now, is that a person who's intersects who was assigned? For example, male at Birth, mmm, who now lives as female or non-binary? Mine is not transgender. Yeah. The algorithm of the census will class them as transgender so the irony of not including those in the census.

Has, is that the data for transgender people has been skewed?

Oh, I just propping my head out, so it doesn't heat up the desk here at 3 CR. I mean, hey, no more for saying there's more trans people but not that way play, seriously? No. Yeah. And, and importantly too. And, and again, you know, we know that the listeners are 30, Sierra, Highly Educated bunch of people that it's a no-brainer that by having our information and our data available from the Census, then we can

Recognize, how many of us are intersex across the country. We can apply for Grants and funding, we can assist with our advocacy, for health education and everything that, you know, from for all of life, the support that we need. And unfortunately, for the next five years, we're going to now continue to not have data about our existence and our prevalence. And Diversity and it's just incredibly frustrating that we've now got to get back on the advocacy bandwagon and continue to fight to be included. Yeah, very, very disappointing. Look, I've got it just clear a couple of messages because we are running out of time. So just just hit the pause button on our conversation, there and come back and wrap up the show. Tell you what's coming up on freely among species and

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Nice wands. I'll try to be polite and say situation. I'm going to do a special on that next week, and we'll see if there's more information that comes to light. Let the dust settle a little and see what we can do about it and link it to long-term stuff. But in the very short term, if you're listening to this program, live in around six or seven minutes, we will have on freedom of species. And the team today, we'll be talking about human and non-human, animal reproduction.

And adoption rotations at to querying the air at 3. 3. CR radical radio. It is your our lineup for the middle of this Sunday afternoon and also thanks to our sponsor. Go kindly sponsoring out of the pan. Paul, there's just there's so much to cover on intersex and variation of sex characteristics and damn it. We got what I think we've covered most of it, but there's a couple of things left and I mean, I mean I just feel very yeah, the sensor sting leaves me very frustrated.

Frustrated, you've explained things so logically. You know, yet, intersects got ruled out and I had some ideas that may have worked, but this is what you said about people listening to people with lived expertise, we, you know, in trading as equal in all that sort of thing. But you've mentioned a couple of times. Lots of people have come before you in terms of intersex advocacy wanted to mention at least one or two. Because last weekend we had the pride Awards down here and

Tiny prefer your who you've mentioned, one person of the year or the giant of you know we talked about you know being on the shoulders of the Giants. Yeah. Tony's the Giants of giants in terms of advocacy for a Community Focus Tony was on 60 Minutes in 2000. Yeah you know if like you know has been fighting for our

Appropriate inclusion of support protections for the for the longest time. For anyone who doesn't know. Tony was also an elected official and Hobson's Bay and went on to become mayor, has an has been at the Forefront of this work, including a document called The Darlington statement a consensus statement from our community for 2017. Yeah. And there are many others certainly at only one person of

A year at the recent Globe Awards and so. Well deserved, I think I was nominated for the volunteer award last year and had I won. I think they give you 20 seconds to make a speech when he get up there. So if you hear a speech and its really quick. That's why, but yeah, so.

Well, deserved and Tony's just so thrilled didn't expect to win Tony's an extremely humble person as well, that would never even dream of having been nominated. And

And importantly to Tony was at the Forefront and ultimately led to the legislation here in Victoria for the protection of intersex children and God in the era of every single imaginable politician. I was in the chamber with Tony and others when that legislation was passed Tony understandably was

Weeping with joy and Elation and definitely relief. Because as I say, I mean, so much work for so long without actually getting any traction. And when that was passed in February this year, absolutely fantastic to be to be in the room with Tony and Tony will if if you get Tony on will actually say that she had popped out to the toilet and then every other day,

Hey, where's Tony? Where's Tony and got, Tony got the word, you need to get back in the chamber about to pass. So yeah, absolutely. Well deserved. And again, folks go to Darlington dot org dot a, you read and affirm the Darlington statement, apply it in your life and work place. And that's a really great way to find out about our community, as well as all the other websites that will end up on the podcast. Yeah, I'll put those three links in there for ipsa interaction and the Darlington.

Into the podcast but we are way out of time. As I said I think. First of all thank you Paul for coming in, there's not enough time so we might have to get you back or get Tony until something and yet remember to listen to the ins on Joy and keep up to right on top of lived, expertise and other things. There, once again to roving and Jenny as I say want to cover the Sydney Swans and sexism might sort of thing will give that a full show next week. One way or another.

But right now, I've got to make way for Freedom species on a totally lighter note, apropos of nothing very quickly. This one next track is from Greg Champions, the custom CD and it doesn't apply to Australia in the first test in Bangladesh, and won't need to in the by the sounds of it. In the second test up in Makai, I made a hundred in the backyard at mums Paul. Thank you for coming in very well. I'm Sally Goldner everyone. Stay difficult, stay happy and I'll catch you next week.

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