

Health and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2023

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Only women – adult, human, females – can get pregnant. As such, only women – adult, human, females – require terminations or abortions.

The Minister for Women, Shannon Fentiman, cannot accurately define what a woman is, and she is intent on removing any mention of us from law, obliterating women’s hard-won sex-based rights. That will be her legacy.

Apparently one of the purposes of this amendment is to:

- provide for more inclusive language by replacing references to ‘woman’ with ‘person’ in termination of pregnancy provisions.

If this was true, then section 319A(2) could very easily be changed to:

A woman or other person who consents to, assists in, or performs a termination on herself/themselves

This would be truly “inclusive” language. But instead, the Minister for Women, who is confused as to what a woman is, would prefer to erase any mention of WOMAN/WOMEN from a piece of legislation that only affects WOMEN. Excluding women from the very legislation which affects ONLY a female body.

To say this is offensive and insulting to women – especially those of us who have required the need of a medical termination – is a massive understatement. Most women in this state – are happy to be called women. We love being women and female. We celebrate being women. It is only a small number of ideologically captured, delusional women who want to pretend they are in fact not women (despite many of them carrying pregnancies, birthing children and perhaps requiring abortions – all female-specific acts) that this amendment is supposedly catering to. To hell with the majority of women who find it a disgusting assault and unnecessary expense.

The pandering to activists pushing gender ideology – within the QLD Labor party with “Rainbow Labor” as well as externally - will never be forgotten by the women of Queensland. How can we possibly trust Labor again when they have sold out women’s rights and refuse to hear our concerns?

Those of us opposed to these incursions on women’s rights know from firsthand experience that there is next to no point in voicing our objections because as with previous ideologically driven legislation – such as recent changes to the Births, Deaths & Marriages Act over the Christmas break just 12 months ago which means now ANY man in QLD can change his birth certificate to falsely say female – our very valid concerns will fall on the deaf ears of QLD

Labor and the QLD Parliament generally. What a gross miscarriage of justice and a gross failure of ministerial and government responsibility. The people of Queensland, most of the population, do not support these unnecessary, costly changes at the behest of gender fundamentalists like Shannon Fentiman and the activists she takes her instructions from.

However, we will make our opposition known – as we always have – if for no other reason than simply as a record of our dissent. We do not consent to our erasure from language and law. We do not consent to our government dismantling the rights our foremothers fought so hard for. We do not consent to our daughter's rights being eroded and our children being indoctrinated into an anti-science ideology. Shannon Fentiman is not fit for office and should stand down immediately. She does not represent us. She does not represent women.