

## Criminal Code (Serious Vilification and Hate Crimes) Amendment Bill 2023

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I think that in the climate of today it is ridiculous to jam up the courts with litigious people offended by being called names. In the current woke climate I can imagine all the trans people will prosecute people for misgendering them. If you want a hate crime act then SEX needs to be protected, not gender identity. Lies should not be written into laws. Gender identity is a fictional belief and not everyone has one. EVERY person is a man or a woman biologically and that needs to be protected. Not some ridiculous 'feeling' of gender expression. Speech should not be compelled nor restrained. People have the freedom to say what they choose. Words are not violence. Words can offend and be in bad taste but people should not go to jail for calling someone a name.

Governments cannot tell their citizens what to say and what to think. This would violate the freedom of conscience and what it means to be human. Telling people what to think and what to say won't make Queensland nicer or kinder but will rather create a climate of fear and resentment and can stifle open and honest dialogue. People have the right to open debate and to express their true opinions or beliefs without fear of retribution or punishment. What is being proposed already points out conflicts - religion and sexual preference. What if a radical Christian/Catholic tells a homosexual man that they will go to hell as homosexuality under Christian belief is a sin? How will the courts deal with this? Surely there are more important things the AG can worry about. Or a person that calls a man who "identifies" as a woman a man - which is a biological reality, but the man might find it offensive and press charges. Also what if the man is a crossdresser but not trans and a person calls him a woman thinking that he identifies as a woman but he doesn't. Compelled speech laws is dangerous and would undermine the very foundation of individual liberty