

## Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022

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### Submitter Comments:

I support flexible options for nonbinary and intersex people, such as the inclusion of an X or custom marker on birth certificates. I support that the barrier to change a name should only be a statutory declaration from someone who has known you for at least 12 months. This strikes the right balance between ensuring applications are in good faith and maintaining ease of access. I support making gender on new birth certificates (and current ones) opt-in. It's not a necessary field by any means and should be allowed to be omitted. This is a very important change to allow trans people to be acknowledged for who they are, and to protect them from discrimination when applying for jobs, rent, bank accts etc. This is especially true for young people who likely don't have much ID and can only start to access very expensive and inaccessible surgery at 18. This will also help to bring QLD into line with federal laws (medicare, centrelink, marriage license, passport) without the need for surgery and just a comment on surgery. It's: a. not always wanted b. incredibly expensive (and not covered by medicare or most private health) c. performed worse in Australia than many other countries. Many many many trans people go to Thailand from Australia. d. very few doctors here offer it and just as an added note, many of the people submitting responses here will be trans, which makes them particularly vulnerable. To ask of them to provide so much personal information to make a submission is frankly irresponsible - even if the information is not published. It's a goldmine for anyone who wants to hurt us. The best way to stop that is to not collect such information in the first place.