

Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022

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Non-binary and trans healthcare in Australia as a whole is sorely lacking, and for most of us medical transition beyond HRT is simply unattainable. There are few options for FtM GRS, and doctors that are on offer haven't yet been in a position to teach others to increase the availability, only maintain the 1~3 options. Similarly with MtF GRS, there's one real option at the moment, a first appointment with that doctor is late 2023, with roughly 2 years between that first appointment and surgery date. Not to mention at all that Medicare support for GRS is basically negligible. Private health is no better; only covering the hospital stay and no part of the surgery/anaesthesia. Many of us trans folk are simply never going to afford to get GRS as a result. Some of us would be lucky to get a mastectomy or orchiectomy... Which would currently be required for people born in Queensland. It's time to abandon the archaic restrictions on gender markers requiring a removal/reconfiguration of our sexual organs, which we may never choose to get or cannot afford! More options for gender markers and options for ANY people who are direct parents of a child to be named correctly on the birth certificate would be great!