

Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022

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To whom it may concern, I am writing in regards to the proposed changes to the Births, Deaths and Marriages Bill to allow biological males to be identified as biological females on their birth certificate. While this may appear to be giving choices and freedom to an individual in regards to their self expression and self chosen identity, there are many concerns to this. The promotion of one person's rights should not encroach on another individual's rights. Allowing this change to be passed will open up avenues for women and girls to be harassed by opportunistic males exploiting the system. This is not a hypothetical risk but one that has already occurred in different countries already due to similar policies. Whilst the intention is to protect and promote the rights of people of diverse genders, one must also consider the risks of legislation being exploited or misused by people with malicious agendas. All genders and rights should be protected and the reality of biological sex differences still needs to be accounted for to protect vulnerable women and children (eg such as in prisons or safe shelters where mixed accommodation would place them at risk). The potential risks in this scenario are not offset by the benefits of appeasing another group's desire for greater acceptance. Please take a long term view when considering any new legislation and consider the rights of all parties involved. Law is about promoting justice and freedom to all parties.