

## Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022

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### Submitter Comments:

I would like to voice my opposition to this bill. A bill that enables people to change their sex on birth certificates and other legal documents, without any medical diagnosis or requirement to undergo sexual reassignment treatment is absolutely unacceptable. This would will enable men, which could include sex offenders, to simply declare themselves as female, and the government will validate that declaration on its public records. This would also presumably entitle self-identifying males to all the same rights, benefits and equal pay laws, originally enacted for the protection of women. Sex as a legal concept would effectively be abolished, and all the protections afforded to women and girls along with it. The safety of women and girls, particularly those in vulnerable situations, is at stake. Gender may be fluid but biological sex is determined. The only exceptions would be those who are biological hermaphrodites and those that biologically qualify as intersex, of which maybe categories of H and I should be added along with M and F. However under no circumstances should someone be allowed to change their designation without a thorough medical and psychological assessment.