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This submission is on behalf of Sall Grover and Giggle For Girls Pty Ltd

I am writing this submission to express my opposition to the proposed changes to the *Births, Deaths & Marriages Registration Act*, focusing specifically on my experiences with males who claim to be women. I am writing this in both a professional and personal capacity.

As many other submissions will note in greater detail, no human being is able to actually change their biological sex. At best, individuals can emulate the process. This submission will detail why I am against any government attempts to force citizens to adhere to and believe another citizen's own fiction.

Social Network For Women

I am the founder & CEO of a Queensland-based startup, Giggle For Girls. Since early 2020, Giggle (as it is known) has been a social networking app for females, downloaded from the App Store and Google Play. The concept of an app for women came from my experiences of sexual assault, sexual harassment and isolation in my previous career as a screenwriter based in Hollywood, California. During (Australian based) therapy to recover from the male sexual violence, a licensed psychologist advised me to get a strong female support network in my life as a mode of recovery. I decided that it would be a good idea to create a digital "strong female support network" available to all women, all around the world.

Prior to 2020, I had limited knowledge of the "trans debate", commonly referred to as a "culture war" that has gripped much of the Western world. I had heard calls for inclusivity & diversity, mostly through media headlines. What I didn't know is that "inclusivity & diversity" meant, for some people, that men are women. Never in my wildest nightmare did I think that would be something to ever seriously consider.

Prior to Giggle's launch, I had approved the inclusion of "trans women" on the app. I did this because I was (A) uneducated on the current issues and (B) misled to believe that this type of inclusion is virtuous.

In February 2020, before an official launch of the app, self declared Trans Rights Activists discovered the app on the App Store & Google Play, downloaded it & proceeded to participate in the verification process to be admitted onto the platform. The verification process exists as boundary enforcement and a safeguarding technique to ensure a woman (female) only digital space, although it was not fully in effect in February 2020 when testing was still underway. The thousands of males who gained access to the app created profiles stating “KILL TERFS”, “RAPE TERFS” and “Trans Women Are Women”, in addition to leaving thousands of 1 star reviews making accusations of transphobia and racism which destroyed any chance of a successful launch. The company was, effectively, destroyed before we had even left the gate. This was when we had a “yes to trans women policy”.

I decided to “get educated”, as we’re all often told to do, on the subject of sex and gender as quickly as possible. The policy at Giggle For Girls was swiftly changed to “female only”.

I have immersed myself in the topic of sex and gender for almost three years now. The Giggle app is currently under construction for major upgrades and is preparing to relaunch in early 2023. The platform will offer a female-only “Twitter” experience plus a lesbian dating site, which, obviously, is female only by definition.

The strict female-only policy and safeguarding techniques are necessary because males, no matter what their gender identity, do not respect female only spaces. Males who call themselves “trans rights activists” and “women” have actively tried to destroy my business and would have succeeded more so if I was not willing to sacrifice, financially struggle and work as hard as possible to keep it going. Start-ups are a hard life for anyone. A start-up for women when men are being told they are women is even harder.

I constantly remind myself that predatory and self-entitled males already destroyed my first career. I’m not going to let them destroy my second one.

Australian Human Rights Complaint

In January 2021, an Australian male with a trans identity filed an Australian Human Rights Commission complaint against Giggle For Girls Pty Ltd and me personally, citing gender identity discrimination. I was 15 weeks pregnant at the time of receiving the complaint. In order to settle the complaint, I was told I would have to

- * Permit him on the app
- * Permit all males who claim to be women on the app
- * Provide him with a written apology
- * Attend sex & gender education classes
- * Moderate all content on the app so it would not offend males who claim to be women.

I refused to attend conciliation under these rules, knowing the risk was a potential Federal Court case. I made this decision because (A) I was not going to let a male dictate how I have to run my business and (B) men are not women. In May 2022, a Federal Court case against Giggle For Girls Pty Ltd and myself was filed by the male individual, citing the same demands from the AHRC complaint plus an additional demand for financial compensation. The case was withdrawn by the applicant on July 4, 2022, two weeks before I gave birth to my daughter. I have still not completely emotionally recovered from the ordeal. I feel that the emotional abuse I have endured from the male Federal Court applicant echoes the physical abuse I experienced from males in Hollywood. Like many women, I want a refuge from male abuse.

No male person will ever understand the trauma of being told that men are women, while male people are trying to destroy your business and filing human rights complaints & lawsuits against you while you're a pregnant woman. It is impossible for any male personal to understand this, even the most sympathetic ones, as men are not women.

Allowing any male to legally call himself a woman & female gives him permission to bully and coerce a woman into believing his delusion and allowing him to do so via government backed self ID only makes the situation more toxic and terrifying for women like myself.

Attempts To Engage Ms Fentiman

In March 2022, I emailed Shannon Fentiman to arrange a meeting with her after she had said via press release that she would meet with stakeholders in the self ID law. As a Queensland-based woman and, and for reasons addressed above, as a Queensland-based business owner, I am a stakeholder in this law. In May 2022, Ms Fentiman responded via email refusing to meet with me, stating that she had met with enough people from the LGBTQI+ community to solidify her position. In other words, there is nothing I could say to convince her otherwise and her statement to meet with all stakeholders was, at best, completely untrue.

In October 2022, I emailed Ms Fentiman the open letter I had read out to her at a "No Self ID Law" rally in Brisbane, stating that I don't believe she actually thinks that men are women. She responded in November 2022 that there was no problem with the law, as according to her males who claim to be women pose no risk to "cisgender women".

Well, I'm sorry. That is simply untrue. They have posed a great risk to me. Shannon Fentiman would know this if she had met with me.

When I tried to respond to Ms Fentiman, her office had blocked my email. I submitted a formal complaint to the Queensland government over having my email blocked by the Minister For Women when I am trying to engage with her as a concerned citizen. Thirty-

two minutes later, my email address was unblocked. I have received no correspondence from Ms Fentiman's office since, nor have I attempted to contact her.

I feel that I have tried every reasonable avenue to speak to Ms Fentiman about the obvious concerns within this important issue and she has acted in the most unprofessional way imaginable. It is my opinion that she has not done her job correctly in dealing with women who oppose this disastrous bill. Furthermore, I believe that if the Minister for Women does not know what a woman is, she shouldn't have the job of Minister for Women.

ABC

After Ms Fentiman blocked my email, ABC Brisbane radio contacted me in December 2022 for an on-air interview. I would be discussing my opposition to the Queensland self ID laws and my experience trying to communicate with Shannon Fentiman.

Trans activists got wind of the interview and subsequently sabotaged it by (A) accusing host Steve Austin of "liking" trans porn on Twitter while he was live on air and (B) accusing him of subsequent "transphobia" for planning on speaking with me, who they dubbed an "extreme transphobe". The interview was indefinitely postponed, thus silencing me, and severely damaged the reputation of a long-trusted ABC journalist. Two days after the trans activists accused Mr Austin of "liking" trans porn, they made the same accusation against me, sending me photoshopped "likes" on Twitter on pornographic images I have never seen. An expert confirmed, beyond my own experience, that the "screenshots" were photoshopped fakes.

One of the activists who spearheaded the campaign to have my ABC Brisbane radio interview cancelled goes by the Twitter name of "[REDACTED]" and is a male individual who "identifies" as a woman and recently revealed that he additionally "self ID's" as an "adult baby/diaper lover". An "adult baby/diaper lover" is a sexual fetish and, in case it isn't obvious, it is extremely close to pedophilia. I will fight until it is my last breath to ensure that an adult male who claims to be a woman and an adult baby diaper lover is never near my daughter, let alone in a female only space with her.

I mention this because this is where Self ID laws end up. Self ID laws will inevitably end up at legally recognising "adult babies". Because why invalidate that identity? If the Queensland government does not eventually validate adults who believe they are babies or small children, it means the Queensland government does have a line that can't be crossed. I suggest they enact that line now with sex self ID to put a stop to this increasingly accepted madness.

Orwellian

Self ID laws force all Queensland residents to believe something that isn't true. No resident of Queensland should be forced to see a woman when they clearly see a man (or vice versa). The act of forcing Queensland residents to believe in gender ideology, which is what any law that permits men to claim they are women does but self ID does so on a new level, is Orwellian. It is the infamous example of $2+2=4$ come to life.

"The party told you to reject the evidence of your eyes and ears. It was their final, most essential command" - George Orwell, 1984.

In reality, no state can force someone to see something they don't see with their own eyes. At best, they can force them to lie about it. In this sense, the self ID laws proposed by Ms Fentiman are putting the vast majority of Queensland residents in a precarious position. Self ID laws are laws that are made to be broken and will potentially clog up the court system with absolutely avoidable issues.

Only a small number of Queensland residents claim to have a "gender identity". Self ID law dictates that either (A) every Queensland resident will have a gender identity going forward and or (B) is assuming that every Queensland resident has a gender identity. If it is the former, it is a form of authoritarian government. If it is the later, it means the government is greatly misinformed on this situation and who it benefits.

This law is not progress. It is a regression, back to a time when gender stereotypes reigned supreme and women had no rights.

It will be evident from this submission that I also refuse to use "preferred pronouns" of any individual. I do this because free speech is the most important part of a free society.

Conclusion

I know that many submissions against this law will be detailing the harm that self ID laws will do towards many different demographics of women and children. I am aware of all of these dangers and agree that self ID laws are a nightmare addition to Queensland law particularly for our most vulnerable women, and these women have my full support. However, I have chosen to focus on my own experience so that readers can be made aware of the other obviously unforeseen misfortunes of this law.

For me, self ID laws will mean taking a Queensland-based, woman-owned company out of the state and registering it elsewhere. It will mean that with all of its pronouncements of encouraging women-run businesses, the Queensland government will actively be running a female-owned business for females out of its borders. It's definitely not a legacy I would want if I was the Minister for Women.

I will never believe that a man is a woman, no law will change my mind, and I am ashamed to live in a state that would force me to believe this nonsense in any way. I am begging the Queensland government to stop this bill from passing and to furthermore ensure that women as adult human females is enshrined in law.