

Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022

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Legal Affairs and Safety Committee
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Dear Committee Secretary
Re: Births, Deaths, and Marriages Registration Bill 2022

Thank you for the opportunity to raise objections to this bill and raise the issue that all Queenslanders deserve to be acknowledged and not discriminated against.

Is there a way forward (to enable those seeking to have their gender feelings acknowledged) by adding another gender? For example Female, Male, Trans 1 (female to a male) Trans 2 (male to a female) as health differentiates with Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes with an amendment or statutory declaration to their original birth certificate. This has been done when fathers were not originally named on children's birth certificates.

My belief is a Woman has a womb, and a Man has a working penis. It is unacceptable to change a person's birth certificate, for any reason, as this is a legal document at the 'time of birth', it was made in the past (Past means, gone by in time and no longer exists) This bill is trying to change history.

Regarding **56. Application to the Children's Court by a Child - Application by a child – at least 12, but under 16.**

This is unacceptable – no child of this age group is anywhere near ready to make such a huge commitment to changing anything about themselves. These are the years when children are never happy with their parents and dislike authority. For girls, specifically, what girl in the world, when they were first menstruating, didn't want to become a boy? For boys in the age group, they are

confused about 'Everything'. Adding this option as being a normal decision they need to make is insensitive to the children and the parents.

I question how much this court procedure is going to cost and where a 'child' is going to gain access to the funds to proceed to court. If a child is not happy with the court rule as it is not to their liking and meeting their feelings to be another sex, who is going to fund an appeal?

My personal experience with the trans community is:

- I have worked closely with Trans people (male to female) who required facial hair removal, and it was clear to me that their view of being a woman greatly differs from being a woman. My lived experience. The conversations I had with my clients very much emphasised to me that they truly do not know what a woman is. Not having the true bodily functions that have been lived by girls to a woman cannot be felt.
- I personally know a young person who transitioned at the age of 19, he is so happy with his choice however he is surprised and sad at how relationships are hard to achieve.
- A friend who is a parent of a young person who wanted to become a man. Her parents were very supportive and offered to pay for the costs, with the agreement being that she would transition when she became an adult. She changed her mind and likes being a woman. (Imagine what could have happened!)

This bill appeases those who are in only the Trans community and does not address the ramifications of women's future. I ask:

- How often will men, become women when it suits them and then revert to being a man when it suits them?
- Where are the public settings and meetings with Women (with wombs), families, and interested groups, to discuss this matter before it is discussed by the committee?

The pronoun trend and Trans trend, I believe, need to be publicly addressed. The population is not informed, and this lifelong commitment is something that the public should be educated on further. Not only for empathy but for also accommodating those who do truly transition.

This is more than altering a Birth Certificate and appeasing those with the loudest voice. This commitment is of a personal nature and not for the State Government to deem as a viable way to appease the few in our community who would like this to proceed.

I am a strong advocate for women, I believe, this is truly not what we do when we are fighting for equality. It has the potential to encourage more violence and inequality. I have no doubt that the

male predators in our society will use this new bill to seek out women's (with wombs) spaces and use it as new means to further abuse women.

I sat in a meeting with Ms. Fentiman MP, here in Hervey Bay. It was supporting housing for domestic violence victims and was a very positive environment. However, I cannot believe Ms. Fentiman MP is supporting men to be able to enter these woman's safe environments.

Recently, I attended the last Labor branch meeting for the year here in Hervey Bay. When speaking of the bill the MP, Adrian Tantari said, "This is going to pass Caucus and that the only people who won't like this are the Pauline Hanson supporters". I read the description in the bill regarding children. The branch members said a collective 'No' and when I asked the MP if he supported this, he admitted to not having read the bill. This representation of the bill is woeful and clearly is being spoken to without any study. Who else is not understanding this important bill for all Queenslanders?

(Full disclosure I have recently left employment with Parliamentary Services – in Hervey Bay).

Furthermore, I would suggest there are other more important inclusive issues in advocating for change and these issues should be addressed before the pronoun and trans issues: Original birth certificates for adoptees, the titles of Mrs and Miss stricken off all official records. Surely this will enable equality for all.

I will be marching in Brisbane on 7th January 2023, I ask you to listen to those who can make it to the march. There are many in the regions who cannot make the drive.

It is the science of human biology not feelings of a sense of what a man 'thinks' a woman's body is.

Kind regards

