

## **Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022**

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## Submission to The Legal Affairs and Safety Committee

### Births, Deaths, and Marriages Registration Bill 2022

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I am a woman and a constituent; I am making a submission based on my individual experiences and learned knowledge.

Should individuals be able to self sex identify, that is, to alter the record of sex on their birth certificate without sex reassignment surgery?

No

Acknowledgement of Sex Part 5 of the proposed bill should be removed.

Sex is being conflated with gender identity. On the Gender Identity factsheet on Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service website, it states:

#### What is gender diversity?

Understanding gender identity requires distinguishing between:

1. Sex – the blend of physical characteristics including internal and external body formation, endocrine system/hormones and chromosomes.
2. Gender expression – is shown via choice of our clothing, hair styles, gender roles and activities.
3. Gender identity – internal sense of being male, female, a blend of both or neither.

<https://www.childrens.health.qld.gov.au/fact-sheet-gender-identity/>

Attorney- General Shannon Fentiman said that “This is about making sure that a person’s legal identity matches their lived identity and will bring Queensland into line with most other jurisdictions.”

<https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/96715>

Gender Identity should be added to birth certificates. Keeping sex for medical, historical, and statistical purposes.

Amendment of Legislation Part 12 of the proposed Bill should be removed. Legislation to be amended under this bill includes the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 and the Corrective Services Act 2006.

If anyone can change their sex on their birth certificate by simple filling out a form, exemptions in the Anti-Discrimination Act will no longer provide protection. Some of the exemptions are listed below that will be affected by the proposed Bill. Most concerning is the Bill will repeal Section 28 Work with children, which will remove safeguards for girls. Girls will lose their rights to protection and privacy.

**26 Residential domestic services**

**27 Residential childcare services**

**30 Single sex accommodation**

**41 Single sex, religion, etc. educational institution**

**48 Sites of cultural or religious significance**

**89 Accommodation for students**

**91 Accommodation with charitable purposes**

**97 Club established for minority cultures and disadvantaged people**

**98 Reasonable sex discrimination permitted**

**104 Welfare measures**

**111 Sport**

Single sex spaces for women have been created for the physical protection, privacy, and dignity of women, while in a state of undress, when sheltering from domestic violence and sexual abuse, and for the purpose of health services specific to the needs of female bodies.

Any male identifying as female will be able to access single sex spaces and services intended for females. When males are overwhelmingly the main perpetrators of domestic violence and sexual abuse, it is reasonable to exclude them all from women's single sex spaces and services.

Women in prisons are the most vulnerable. In prisons overseas women are being raped by trans identified men in women's prisons. In Victoria, a trans identified man convicted of child sexual abuse has been transferred to a women's prison.

<https://reduxx.info/trans-identified-male-facing-72-child-sexual-abuse-charges-released-on-bail-spared-mens-jail/>

Where is the right to humane treatment in detention for the women in this prison?

If this Bill is enacted it will take away women's and girl's rights to safety, privacy, and dignity.