

Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022

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Submission for consideration

I would like for the bill to include definitions of the key terms listed below that are used widely throughout the bill. I believe that these terms are essential to understanding what is being proposed and I believe that a failure to define in the bill may provide opportunities for legal and social challenges that could be very costly in the future. If these terms are not defined there will be a loss of clarity which will lead to social misgivings and mistrust as to the purpose of this bill and may negatively persuade it to be rejected, and so lose any positive changes that may be necessary.

The terms for definition are: Birth, Still birth, Death, Parent, Child.

I also note that there is no reference to aborted human beings (a child) that may brought forth even up to full term of pregnancy. These are lives that should be acknowledged and not just ignored or categorised as something other than a medical procedure or possibly 'still birth'. As I understand it, there is 'birth' of a life and there is a 'death'. Key elements acknowledged even in the title of this bill.

This bill seeks to enable individuals to change their sex 'indicator' after birth on their birth certificate. Changing a birth certificate is easy to do on paper. However, a birth certificate is a legal and widely used document that identifies us as an individual. Legal documents are only true if they are factual. The basic facts of our arrival are recorded on a birth certificate, which include facts of; name, mother, witness, dates, place of birth and sex. However, the only fact that we could change if we wanted to is our name, all the rest are forever the facts. No amount of personal, physical, social / political pressure or legislation can change those facts. To change any of these foundational, indisputable facts on a birth certificate makes the certificate unusable as a legal key to identification. It would no longer be the truth. Every individual is conceived and lives their whole life built an indisputable genetic foundation. The birth certificate must confirm our individual genetic base and makeup which is evidenced in every cell of our body. Our birth certificates have always acknowledged these facts for good reason. Because we cannot change the facts.

Keep our Birth certificates factual.

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