

Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022

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Having previously being assaulted on a number of occasions (including an attempted rape) over multiple decades, in supposedly safe places, by males who had purported to be friends I am EXTREMELY distressed by the proposal to allow males identifying as females into previously safe female-only places. Each of the males who assaulted me had, until the time of the assaults, had been trusted and I had considered each of the sites of the assaults to be safe public places, not specifically female-only safe places. The man who attempted to rape me had been in our family home multiple times as a tradesman assisting with renovations, additionally he was the husband of my best friend at the time. Until the time of the assault, he had been a trusted family friend. Following the assault I was both an emotional and mental mess, incapable of managing my life without becoming agoraphobic and uncontrollably concerned for the safety of myself and my young family. Additionally, he consistently and persistently ignored the terms of the Court ordered AVO that was issued as a result of the legal process. The man who most recently assaulted me has a Court ordered Restraining Order (RO). He too ignored the terms of the RO, unfortunately QPS were not able to compare the DNA evidence they gathered with the perpetrators DNA because they did not have cause to be able to seek a sample of his DNA at the time. However, QPS have indicated if ever there is a chance to compare the DNA evidence to a sample of the perpetrators DNA, the breach of the RO will result in the perpetrator being charged with an indictable offence. I am a mother of men who have been raised to respect gender differences, and a grandmother of both a grandson and granddaughter. I am not willing to consider my grandchildren, specifically my granddaughter, could be put at risk because of this change of legislation.