

## Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022

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Attention: Legal Affairs and Safety Committee  
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am opposed to the changes proposed in this Bill. I believe these changes will endanger the lives of women and girls in particular. Sex is a protected right, and our sex 'observed' at birth (and predetermined at conception), is a lived reality for us all.

Some people choose to transition into a gender identity, and they can work towards 'looking' like the sex they want to be, but this does not actually change their sex. No one is stopping them from living how they feel is best. Look however you want.

Women and girls need their sex protected as they are at a disadvantage to males. Sex is different to 'gender identity', and a lot of confusion seems to have been created by these distinctions not being clarified.

Personally, I am not interested in dealing with men who are likely to take advantage of the changes to the bill, who will claim to be women via a tick and flick on a Statutory Declaration, but in no way plan to transition. There are people lacking in integrity out in our society. It is foolish to think otherwise. Safeguards for women and children are put into place for just this reason. Why are they being pulled apart?

Why should I have to experience the fear of a man coming into the local pools women's changing area? Why should my daughters, nieces and I have to endure the gaze of a male when we are undressed? Why should we see a man who looks exactly like a man undressed and flashing their genitals around? Maybe other women out there do not mind, but I do, and other frightened women will mind. They will self-exclude from these places where women and girls are particularly vulnerable.

Have you considered the ramifications for Australia's Muslim population or other religious groups who have strict rules for how men and women interact? Why should they be penalised, and not be able to go to the pool, just so a man can use both the men's AND the women's change rooms if they choose? It seems to me this Bill means that any fully male-appearing man can be legally protected to indecently expose himself. How is this ok?

I have already had to deal with a man in a dress coming into the women's toilets with me, and it was deeply uncomfortable. Not because he was in a 'dress', but because his behaviour was scary: he was aggressively staring at me and looking at me with defiance. Why was he there? No one was stopping him, or any other male from using the male facilities. Male bathrooms are specifically designed with urinals for their ease (helping them to not splash urine on the floor), regardless of wearing a dress or not. A campaign helping men feel ok with other men wearing dresses may be more useful if 'inclusion' is what we are all working towards. If it is fine for me as a woman to wear 'pants' whilst using the women's toilet, shouldn't it be fine for male-bodied people to wear a 'dress' in the men's toilet? Wouldn't all the problems related to the needs of separate sex spaces be solved by men getting comfortable with gender diverse males in their own spaces?

But maybe, it is not inclusion in male bathrooms these 'bad actors' want. Maybe what they really want is to force women to give up their rights so they can feel 'validated'. Or like the women quoted in the sex matters study (see below), the men followed them into private female areas: to intimidate, to ejaculate, to assault, to attack, to expose themselves, or to peer at them through change rooms. Does this concern you, Legal Affairs and Safety Committee? It concerns me.

<https://sex-matters.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Single-sex-services-full-report.pdf>

Back to bathrooms; the removal of urinals makes toilet seats and floors unhygienic, with urine all over the floor. I have been into numerous female toilets where the toilet seat is 'up', and was clearly used by a male; and every time there has been copious amounts of urine on the floor. Why do women have to endure this? This is not something we typically encounter when only females use the women's facilities.

Do you think other men feel good when they end up peeing on the floor because they have no access to urinals? If you make unisex toilets *with* urinals, is it not humiliating for both men and women? How will men feel holding their penis in their hand while women walk in the door? How intimidating it will be for women to walk past men while they hold their penis as they pee. This is unfair and uncomfortable, and a loss of dignity for everyone.

From my perspective, any man who *wants* to enter any female only space such as toilets, change rooms, shower blocks etc. is showing 'red flag' behaviour. He has become a safeguarding problem for all the females using those facilities.

Please see the following links for stats on the need for single sex spaces:  
<https://sex-matters.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Single-sex-services-key-findings.pdf>

I want to be able to change, shower, and use the toilet in privacy, away from members of the opposite sex.

Where will it all end?

At school, will my young niece have to deal with her first period with boys (who may claim to be 'gender neutral' or themselves girls), hooting at her, following her into the toilet, and trying to peer under the door? Can you imagine how challenging this would feel? Where is the dignity that young girls should be able to expect? Girls are highly unlikely to choose to go into the boy's toilet. Why will these boys be able to use both the boys' and girls' toilets?

What if I end up in jail and I am incarcerated with a rapist male who decides to identify as a woman so he can access women in jails? We already know men who self ID have been allowed to access women's jails in Australia. This is not even theoretical, it is happening right now. How is this ok? Why aren't women allowed to be safe? **Housing men in women's prisons is a human rights violation.**

'Females at Victoria's biggest women's prison are concerned that an inmate with a "working" penis and a history of violent sexual assault could soon live among them'.

<https://archive.md/vSVAH#selection-609.0-613.164>

<https://nypost.com/2022/04/25/transgender-rikers-inmate-gets-7-years-for-raping-female-prisoner/>

What rights do the people wanting to ID as the opposite sex not already have, which means it is ok for them to pull apart the rights of women and girls?

Why is the lived reality of half of Queensland's population being given up to appease a few? Why are we being gas-lit about our sexed reality? Men are not women.

Women have specific needs. This is not a trite statement or a joke. It feels like we are in a modern version of people wearing 'blackface'. Men can now put on 'womanface' and be applauded for it.

You are the committee for Legal Affairs and Safety... do you not see safety concerns with the proposed changes?

What about concerns about the gathering of sex-based crime statistics? Deciding to change your gender identity to a woman does not suddenly stop men from their leaning towards male criminality. But, allowing them to be identified as women will certainly skew the facts. Suddenly 'women' will be noted for their uptick in heinous crimes (see below, about a WA man). What about journalists having to lie about men's crimes being done by 'women'? Reality is going to start to get really confusing very quickly. <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-11454647/Perth-paedophile-considered-lesser-risk-community-transitioning-woman.html>

What about concerns regarding athletic programs and sports competition for women and girls? World Rugby has put forward sex based rulings stopping males from playing against females regardless of 'identity' (see below). They looked at the data and they know the safety of females cannot be guaranteed. They knew they could not legally condone the type of damage women would endure when up against male players. What about the women and girls of Queensland? Will they be safe when boys decide they want to self ID into their sports?

**"Transgender women may not currently play women's rugby.**

Why? Because of the size, force- and power-producing advantages conferred by testosterone during puberty and adolescence, and the resultant player welfare risks this creates". <https://www.world.rugby/the-game/player-welfare/guidelines/transgender>

When girls and women who love sport realise no matter how hard they work, the playing field is weighted towards males winning, they will self-exclude. They will feel helpless. I resent the idea of my female family members feeling like they are at the back of the line before they even start. Why should Qld women and girls have the health and benefits of sports taken away from them by entitled boys and men? It is profoundly unfair. Is this not the opposite of what sports organisations have worked for decades to achieve?

Why will it be ok for boys and men to choose whatever category they like? It is unsportsmanlike conduct. It is cheating. It is an embarrassment. Males who take up the spaces of talented females in female categories should be ashamed of themselves. It is dishonourable behaviour. Has no one ever told them 'no'? *Will you tell them no?*

If you allow this Bill change to go ahead, you are condoning and allowing these types of behaviours and actions to occur.

How will you justify and explain to girls and women why you think it is ok that they miss out on the full expression of their lives, just because some boys and men decide they 'feel' like females?

What about Qld lesbians? Will they get into legal trouble if they want to gather without the men who Self ID as women and claim they too are lesbians? What about lesbian-specific organisations and advocacy groups? Will they be protected?

Men who transition often consider themselves 'lesbians', and are the same men who call the 'art' (rape culture) of convincing lesbians to have sex with them 'breaking the cotton ceiling'? The sexism is astounding. When will Qld lesbians no longer be endlessly harassed for their sexuality?

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2022/may/29/if-lesbian-prefers-same-sex-dates-thats-not-bigotry-desire-personal-thing>

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-57853385>

<https://medium.com/@mirandayardley/girl-dick-the-cotton-ceiling-and-the-cultural-war-on-lesbians-and-women-c323b4789368>

Is it not homophobic behaviour when people bully lesbians when they don't want to have sex with men (regardless of how those men identify)? Isn't being a lesbian a legally protected characteristic?

How about gay men who don't want to have sex with transmen (women)? Is it not homophobic for the woke crowd to berate them? When did transitioning start to override people's sex-based attraction?

What about Qld women who have joined a group for support around rape, abortions, endometriosis, birth, or breastfeeding? Will they be penalised when they object to any man joining the group? Why should women have to put up with dealing with men demanding to be part of the group because it meets their needs for validation? How would this be fair? Personally, I don't think even transitioned men should be allowed into these groups. It is insulting and demeaning for them to think they have the right to do so. Apart from rape, they can never experience these lived experiences of women.

No one is stopping any transitioned man from starting his own group. No one is stopping any man at all from starting any group he may like. Why won't they leave women's rights alone?

Why would we want to legalise these men's ability to gaslight women about their lived reality?

What about data collection of sex-based inequalities in areas where females are underrepresented? How will this be skewed?

How can we justify men self IDing so they can take women's awards, grants, scholarships, board and trustee designations, representative positions, and affirmative programs for women? Has not the protected sex characteristics of women been created to make sure women have a fair go? How can this new Bill possibly uphold this ideal?

What about the representation of women and girls in the media and all public discourse specific to females? How confusing for young girls these days! How can women talk about their lives and their lived experience if the word girl or women can represent anyone? Does it not seem likely that women will become even more underrepresented in political and economic positions if men can self ID into their category and take their places?

How can women organise politically against sex-based oppression by males, if men can be women? How can we address male violence when some male violence is mislabelled as 'female'? How will Shannon Fentiman, as the Minister for Justice, Women, and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, address the male violence at the heart of Domestic and Family Violence *if men can be women*? It is a perplexing conundrum.

How can women assemble outside the presence of men if it is illegal for them to do so? If men can self ID into being women the category of women becomes a joke. It is no longer a valid representation of who women are.

What about women's right to free speech related to sex roles and gender? Again, how can we talk about our lived experience if the way we define ourselves has been legally taken away? 'Gender' is the socialisation of sex roles. Will women be safe from state-enforced ideas of who we can be? Of how we can express ourselves? Will it get to the point where a woman with short hair who wears pants must be considered a man? This is pure sexism. It is sexist stereotypes on steroids. Is this not what is at stake with the changes to this Bill? How will this affect the public education of children and how they come to view their place in the world?

I believe that gender is a social construct. I do NOT believe that it is innate or real. I am gender critical. How will my rights to assert this fact be upheld? If I speak up will I be fined or taken to court for hate speech? Is my right to my beliefs less important than someone else's? If so, why? How can it be justified?

When I was a child we all knew who the men and the women were. It was clear then, and it is still clear now; but too many people are trying to convince us all that it is otherwise. Men are not women. This is not hate speech.

Further, I see 'gender identity ideology' as regressive. It has sexist and homophobic ideas with no grounding in reality or objectivity. Should there be legislation that enforces belief and coerces speech (such as forcing workers to display their pronouns) upon those who do not believe?

What about the rights of dependent females to hospital facility bed assignments separate from males? Or disabled females who prefer female providers for their intimate personal care requirements? How will you justify legally taking these options away if you allow men to self ID and say they are women, and then they demand to be allowed to work with these vulnerable females? How will you protect these women in their vulnerable state?

Do we have to get to the point where people are taken to court because they have hurt and abused others by taking advantage of the vulnerable through this self ID loophole? I would like to see the option of allowing people to legally choose same sex care if they want it, drafted into the Anti-discrimination Act.

Who profits from the elimination of human rights for females? Why has 'trans' become the poster child for LGB? The juggernaut of medical profit from people's transition could be a clue.

<https://www.gminsights.com/industry-analysis/sex-reassignment-surgery-market>

Isn't 'trans' ideology actually in opposition to LGB rights?

<https://lgbfightback.org/questions-answers/>

Unfortunately, it seems to me that the trans politic is anti-female, and anti-LGB. You can't *trans the gay away* (this is the real 'conversion therapy'), but plenty of people are trying.

Plenty of people, including Shannon Fentiman also seem to be trying to undermine women's rights, and they are creating a world that is making the lives of my daughters and nieces more unstable and frightening. They are pulling away at the fabric of who my daughters are: females first and foremost.

I am not ok with the destruction of women's rights.

What about the rights of parents to care for their children appropriately? This bill supports a minor being able to start on the path of social transition at any age.

How can a Bill allowing children (who are in a state of flux as they grow), to change their name, documents, pronouns, etc.; be supportive above and beyond a parents love and guidance? Where has the safeguarding gone? <https://www.transgendertrend.com/teenage-brain/>

Do we really believe children can be born in the wrong body? <https://4thwavenow.com/2019/08/19/no-child-is-born-in-the-wrong-body-and-other-thoughts-on-the-concept-of-gender-identity/>

How can the expression of an 'identity' be more important than helping a child find comfort in their changing body? How can we support the medicalisation of children when it can lead to the possibility of them becoming unable to orgasm and/or utilise their fertility? <https://web.archive.org/web/20211129022546/http://www.statsforgender.org/sexual-function/>

Why are we moving towards any man being able to self ID as a woman without any transition, but at the same time rushing the medical transition of children? Girls in particular, are being fast-tracked onto hormones, 'top surgery' (breast removal), and surgeries to remove the uterus and ovaries etc. Where is the evidence that children can make these decisions when they do not have the maturity of an adult brain? [https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Lisa-Littman/publication/327065646\\_Rapid-onset\\_gender\\_dysphoria\\_in\\_adolescents\\_and\\_young\\_adults\\_A\\_study\\_of\\_parental\\_reports/links/5b7d70c4a6fdcc5f8b5c3a33/Rapid-onset-gender-dysphoria-in-adolescents-and-young-adults-A-study-of-parental-reports.pdf](https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Lisa-Littman/publication/327065646_Rapid-onset_gender_dysphoria_in_adolescents_and_young_adults_A_study_of_parental_reports/links/5b7d70c4a6fdcc5f8b5c3a33/Rapid-onset-gender-dysphoria-in-adolescents-and-young-adults-A-study-of-parental-reports.pdf)

The point is, there isn't enough evidence. Countries like Sweden and England are rolling back their transitioning policies and practices because the research does not support this aggressive 'affirmative' treatment style.

Current Swedish advice: "Several factors have pointed towards increased caution in offering hormonal and surgical treatment: insufficient scientific evidence, an as yet unexplained increased number of people receiving the diagnosis, especially 13-17 years and with registered gender female at birth, less uniform experience-based knowledge among participating experts than 2015, and the documented occurrence of detransition". <https://www.socialstyrelsen.se/om-socialstyrelsen/pressrum/press/uppdaterat-kunskapsstod-for-vard-vid-konsdysfori-hos-unga/>

Including this recommendation from a recent review: “For adolescents with gender incongruence, **the NBHW deems that the risks of puberty suppressing treatment with GnRH-analogues and gender-affirming hormonal treatment currently outweigh the possible benefits, and that the treatments should be offered only in exceptional cases**”.

<https://www.socialstyrelsen.se/globalassets/sharepoint-dokument/artikelkatalog/kunskapsstod/2022-3-7799.pdf>

The UK’s NHS has moved away from saying that transition is fully reversible:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20200502223746/https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/gender-dysphoria/treatment/>

They now say: “Long-term cross-sex hormone treatment may cause temporary or even permanent infertility...There is some uncertainty about the risks of long-term cross-sex hormone treatment.”

Further, their current advice is: “Most treatments offered at this stage are psychological rather than medical. This is because in many cases gender variant behaviour or feelings disappear as children reach puberty.”

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/gender-dysphoria/treatment/>

People are regretting their transitions, and there is a growing pool of detransitioners out there. <https://sexchangeregret.com/>

<https://www.lostintransition.org/detransitioners>

[https://segm.org/first\\_large\\_study\\_of\\_detransitioners](https://segm.org/first_large_study_of_detransitioners)

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/absolutely-devastating-woman-sues-psychiatrist-over-gender-transition-20220823-p5bbyr.html>

[https://www.womensforumaustralia.org/increasing\\_numbers\\_of\\_detransitioners\\_call\\_into\\_question\\_the\\_affirmation\\_only\\_approach](https://www.womensforumaustralia.org/increasing_numbers_of_detransitioners_call_into_question_the_affirmation_only_approach)

If the state can over-ride a parent or both parents who are against their child starting on the 'gender affirmation' pathway, will the state be there when the legal cases start coming in because children have been mutilated via the transition process? Can the 'affirmative care' model stand up to scrutiny and justify the medicalisation inherent in the method? <https://www.lostintransition.org/child-abuse>

Was there ever anything really wrong with the safeguarding of the 'watchful waiting' style of care that other countries are now moving back to? Humans can't *actually* change sex; can the state justify these children being sold on an idea that is not even possible? Again, I ask: who benefits from this ideology? Broken children sure don't.

Are you aware of the high rate of 'desisters'; children who revert back to their sexed 'gender' if left alone to mature?

<https://statsforgender.org/desistance/>

**The draft legislation of this Bill has chosen the most radical expression of a self-ID law, allowing an 'acknowledgement of sex', rather than for registration of a gender identity that is incongruent with the person's sex.**

I ask that you please support the females in my family to the right to define themselves based upon their lived experience of being in a sexed body, and have the protections based upon their sex continue for their own safety.

I say No to Self ID. I say No to Social Transitioning. I say No to State Over-Reach. A birth certificate should deal with evidence-based facts, and not promote a belief, an ideology, or a trend. 'Gender identity' should not be conflated with one's actual sex, nor become entrenched in law. No one can change sex.

Women deserve to have the right to meet in order to debate, organise, advocate, and campaign for female specific interests, without risk of harassment, violence, prosecution or loss of income.

The lives of all Queensland women, and many children depend upon you, the Legal Affairs and Safety Committee to stand strong against an ideology that most Queenslanders do not agree with. Please care for us.

Thank you for reading my submission.

Kind Regards,

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P.S. From what I understand, the Minister for Women Shannon Fentiman has NOT spoken to a broad range of people about this bill. She has refused to meet or speak with women's feminist groups who are deeply concerned about the changes put forward. Further, I also know of at least one woman's email address she has blocked, refusing to communicate with her at all.

It would seem to me that the Hon Shannon Fentiman is not upholding her position as a public servant, nor is she upholding the needs of the very people she is in place to represent. What are we to think about this?

**If the QLD Minister for Women is not keen on talking to, meeting with, or supporting women, who will?**