

Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022

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Submitter Comments:

As an older Aboriginal trans/non-binary person who lives in QLD, but was born in another colonial state (NSW), it is my petition that I not be misgendered on my death. I anticipate that the changes to law will have a sweeping effect in relation to the death certificates of those of us who are unable to change our gender markers in other states and jurisdictions, and that the complications of probate will be accommodated - or at least facilitated - within these changes. As an Aboriginal person who has a non-binary gender, I assert the cultural right to not be misgendered by the state. As a Professor of Indigenous Studies (Macquarie University) with a specialisation in the study of gender-diversity across First Nations' peoples, I attest that these cultural rights were never formally conceded under colonial rule and that our rights to identify according to our own gender(s) should be acknowledged. The proposed changes would accommodate these cultural rights as far as any colonial documents can.