

Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022

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Legal Affairs and Safety Committee
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RE: BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTRATION BILL 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

I strongly **oppose** Hon Shannon Fentiman MP, *the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence*, proposed changes to the Queensland's Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022.

Allowing individuals to change sex on legal documents (such as on birth certificates) will not only render such documents quite meaningless, but it will also create utter confusion by making it impossible to distinguish between men (biological males) and women (biological females). This will lead to significantly adverse impacts within our society. For instance, it will impact services such as domestic violence shelters, rape crisis shelters, domestic violence support, sport categories, prisons, hospitals, schools, public restrooms, just to name a few.

The Bill, if passed, will detrimentally impact women in particular. If this Bill becomes law, any man without having undergone sex assignment surgery can declare himself a 'woman' and will be considered as such in the eyes of the law. This will enable criminals to manipulate the law for their predatory and criminal behaviour (e.g., sexual predators can readily identify as 'women' to gain access to vulnerable women and girls).

I request Queensland Government **do not** pass the changes to the Queensland's Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022 as proposed by Hon Shannon Fentiman MP.