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Dear Sir/Madam,

This is my submission **in opposition** to the proposed changes to the Birth Deaths and Marriages act.

As a new mother, the possibility that I will no longer be able to take my baby daughter to swimming classes, without fear of males entering the female-only spaces scares me. As a mother, my main goal is to keep my daughter safe. How can this be guaranteed if female-only spaces will no longer be for females only?

Trans women are not female - therefore, trans women are male. This is a very easy thing to understand. When any man can easily change the sex maker on their birth certificate and are legally recognised as women, this poses great danger to all females using female-only spaces.

I wonder who will be reading this submission, and if you can look in to your heart and honestly say that by allowing males into female-only spaces, that the females in those spaces will be safe. I know they won't be. There is no way of telling who the abusive males are and their declaration of being 'women' is simply not good enough.

I ask myself why no women have been consulted with or asked about these changes, considering it will be women who will bare the brunt of dangerous males entering our spaces. No woman I have asked has agreed with this. When any man can simply declare himself to be a woman, why should we trust that man? The only type of man who would want to enter womens spaces are predatory. Why are women being forced to be collateral damage? Women have already suffered rape and abuse from men being housed in womens prisons, but their voices don't seem to be worth anything to the Queensland government.

I am asking you to listen to women who are asking you to rethink this. We don't feel safe. We deserve privacy, dignity and respect. I am furious that these changes are even being considered.

Yours sincerely,

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