

Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022

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I am against this bill for the following reasons;The bill will erode women and girls' boundaries and place our safety, privacy and dignity at risk. As we have seen in other jurisdictions worldwide, sex self-identification legislation such as this has led to men entering women's spaces. This in itself, a violation of women's boundaries, which will make women feel unsafe and uncomfortable. Furthermore, in other jurisdictions, males have harmed women after entering women's spaces. Studies show that trans-identified males show the same statistical pattern of criminality, as other males. The bill places the most vulnerable women at risk - those in prison, rape shelters, those requiring medical care. Male criminals in other jurisdictions have been placed in women's prisons, causing great distress to women prisoners. For example, in Victoria, women prisoners at the Dame Phyllis Frost Correction Centre have protested against the placement of a male sex offender in the women's prison. There are trans-identified men in prison in Queensland. If this legislation goes through, those men (including rapists) will be able to seek to be transferred to the women's prison.

Women seeking refuge from male violence are often terrified to be around men. It is important that these women be able to access women-only shelters in order to recover and rebuild their lives. This is severely undermined if men who 'identify' as women enter these spaces. Women may want to have a woman medical professional perform intimate medical care such as gynaecological care or breast exams. It becomes impossible for women to request or expect female medical care if men can 'identify' as women. We saw this occur in the UK recently, when a woman patient requested female-only nursing care, and had her operation cancelled because there was a male who identified as a woman. Humans are a sexually dimorphic species, like other mammals. It is not physically possible to change sex in humans, or other mammals. Women are adult human females. This bill attempts the impossible - to legislate to change reality. It is akin to legislating that gravity not exist, so that we can all fly. The law cannot change reality, and legislating as though it can, is a massive overreach of legislators, which in this case, will only achieve an erosion of women's right to boundaries excluding men. Lesbians and bisexual women should be able to exclude men from their events and their dating pool. By allowing some men to identify as women, the legislation eradicates lesbians' boundaries, and reinforces attempts to compel lesbians to accept 'male lesbians' as sexual partners, and to accept ████████ in their sex lives. In Tasmania, lesbians have already been told that they cannot exclude men from their social events. This legislation will undermine women and girls' sport. When males enter women's sport, women and girls are robbed of opportunities - opportunities for achievement, for awards, for scholarships, for sponsorships, and simply for safe sporting experiences. This website, <http://shewon.org/>, records incidents of trans-identified males entering women's sports and stealing opportunities from women and girls. We do not live in a theocracy. Queenslanders cannot be forced to believe in any particular religion. I do not believe in the dogma of gender identity ideology. I do not believe men can become women through any method at all. This bill is an attempt to force a faith-based dogma based on an internal soul-like essence of 'gender' on Queenslanders, and enshrine this faith in legislation.