

Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022

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Transphobia is still innately ingrained in the culture of Australia, whether by explicit violence or by social ostracization and mockery. It is imperative that future generations do not experience the same fear or shame for their identity. As a person with a partner that is trans and multiple loved ones that are trans, I have seen their despair time and time again as they are mocked, misgendered or even attacked purely for existing in public. One way that the cisgender heteronormative community minimises these people's identity is through government documents. I believe that suggesting that a person's identity is dependent on an outdated piece of paper is ignorant to the human experience. Especially considering that humanity's measurement of success is based on changing the world based on one's skill, idea or action. If success is through change, why is it that individuals are unable to change to be themselves in a more comfortable, happier and fulfilled. To give individuals the agency to update a certificate that allows for legal recognition will be crucial in eradicating transphobia in Australia.