

Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022

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Submitter Comments:

I write with extreme concern over the self-identification bill being introduced in Queensland. I am a mother living in Brisbane and I am not a member of any affiliated groups or any political party. I am a survivor of domestic violence and mother of 3 girls. I find the use of the term 'cis women' extremely offensive to my sex and I will not use it. I am concerned that the democratic process is not being followed and the general public is not being given a fair hearing and chance to respond, as this bill was only open for submissions during the holiday period. Women are a biological reality with 2 X chromosomes and this can never be changed. Transgenderism is identification with sex stereotypes. Woman is a biological fact. A woman is not a feeling, an identity or a costume. By allowing men or transwomen to self-identify into women's private spaces, hospital wards, schools, women's refuges and prisons, you are putting millions of women and girls at grave risk of violence and sexual abuse by those who would take advantage of such a ruling. There are many examples of this having happened already in Scotland where similar UN laws have been put into place. The UN is an un-elected entity and is not representative of Queensland. Patterns of violence do not change just because a man self identifies as something else. What precautions have been set in place to protect women and girls in these situations? This bill if passed will take away all of women's hard won rights and freedoms. At least throughout the most repressive regimes of the past women were acknowledged to exist. This bill will even take that away. By abolishing sex you are abolishing all legal protections for men, women and children. This bill if passed could potentially lead to the erasure of women from public life. Could business's hire only transwomen instead of women to meet their quotas in order not to have to pay maternity pay? What measures do you have in place to prevent this from occurring?