

Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022

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Submitter Comments:

I wish for the following comments to be considered by the committee and greatly appreciate your time. I support the flexibility of the non-binary options including consideration into the introduction of an X marker for gender on birth certificates. I support making gender on birth certificates opt-in for new children. With increase in equality politics there is, or at least should be, no reason why a person's sex needs to be present on a birth certificate. This marker does not prevent or provide preferential treatment to the individual in anyway, shape or form as opportunities rarely actually require a definite gender or sex to permit an individual access to a service or entitlement. I would like to add that allowing both parents on a child's birth certificate to select which title suits them best (parent/mother/father) is extremely important for many families (and allows Queensland to finally recognise that not all birthing parents are mothers). Times are changing and so too should legislation to better reflect the turning tide of equality within Australia. Many thanks for your consideration and review into this Bill!