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My name is Linda McCarthy and I am a 64 year old woman , mother, grandmother and Queensland resident .

I am making my submission to object to Part 5 of the Births, Deaths and Marriage Registration Bill 2022 based on my genuine concern of the harms and unintended consequences to women and children of allowing any male to self identify as a woman simply by signing a Statuary Declaration without any medical or physiological gatekeeping.

- Self ID removes basic safeguarding to women and children in spaces such as changing rooms at public pools and gyms, toilets and fitting rooms when we are our most vulnerable and in stages of undress.
- It removes the protection women have from voyeuristic men entering pool change rooms as we change our young children or grandchildren.
- It removes protections to safety and peace of mind when using a public toilet or showering late at night at a gym and enables any male with a new birth certificate stating he is female to enter our space.
- It removes the rights of my granddaughter's to use single sex toilets at school away from males to attend to their most personal needs at a time in their lives when their bodies are changing .
- It removes my rights as an older women that my future intimate care is only undertaken by biological women .

Above are situations that will directly impact my daughters, granddaughters and myself but they are not my only concerns .

I am also deeply worried about the consequences on our most vulnerable women in society if this bill is passed . Women in prisons , DV shelters , rape crises centres and in homeless accommodation . The rights of these women must not be be ignored .

Nor should the rights of women from different ethnic or religious backgrounds to engage in public life and be confident in their use of single sex facilities instead of self excluding .

Women's organisations have not been consulted regarding this bill and the general public are mostly unaware of the bill and the ramifications to society if passed . When they do become aware the public emphatically do not support the bill.

I ask the committee to consider the mounting evidence both here in Australia and overseas of the harm against women and children from self ID and of the advice from Reem Alsalem the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women and Girls who stated " that violent males who can take advantage of any loopholes , will do so in order to get into women's spaces and have access to women ."

This is a public record of my dissent of Queensland Birth's, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022 Part 5 .

Thank you .

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