

**SUBMISSION TO THE LEGAL AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE, QUEENSLAND
PARLIAMENT**

Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022

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Dear Committee members,

I am writing this submission to oppose the change to Part 5 of the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022.

From what I understand, the change is from presently and historically having the sex you were born with on your birth certificate altered to now describing your new gender identity. Under the title *Sex Descriptor*, a biological man, for example, can now legally call himself female, or any other made-up description of himself, unless it is *too gross* (?!) It can also be changed yearly, (as the mood takes him) and children can join in too with a parents or older person's permission.

To say I am deeply dismayed about the future affect this bill will have on myself as a *lesbian* (same sex attracted adult human female), as a *woman*, as a *mother* and as a *grandmother of 8*, is an understatement!

As a lesbian I am still trying to find my way in a heterosexual world. I was in a heterosexual relationship for 18 years as a wife and mother, so I am dismayed and furious that I need to fight homophobia all over again, but this time from so called progressives!

I am also terribly alarmed at the catastrophic harm it will have on all women, lesbians, autistic people, and vulnerable girls and boys who are experiencing gender dysphoria and/or social peer pressure.

The 1st truth is that Biological Sex is Binary. There are only males or females in primates (humans belong in this category) and in all mammals and animals and in most plants, insects, and other animals. Our genes are either XX (female) or XY (male). They cannot change, not ever. Therefore, men can never

be women and women can never be men. This bill completely disregards this obvious reality.

The 2nd truth is we can never be born in the wrong body. We are born either female or male. We are not arbitrarily 'assigned' a 'gender' at birth by a doctor. Sex is observed at birth (or before by ultrasound) To say that we could be birthed into the world into the 'wrong body' is a postmodern invention and categorically untrue.

Queer theory or GII (Gender Identity Ideology), from where these untruths are originating and being pushed into the mainstream, is emphatically anti-nature, anti-science, anti-woman, and in contradiction to *all* scientific, theological, and philosophical teachings since the beginning of time. This 'new kid on the block' that is gaining momentum throughout the world is a falsehood that destroys women's sex-based rights. Queer theory's inability to accept or recognize same sex attraction also renders it homophobic.

As I have already stated, I do not believe that men can become women no matter how much they want to invade our toilets, changing rooms, prisons, refuges, lesbian gatherings, women gatherings, women's awards, and sports teams. It is an ideology that forces for all sane people to pretend and lie - to be 'nice' and 'be kind' when our minds scramble with the truth of what we see and know to be true.

All the research shows men are biologically bigger, faster, and stronger, and unfortunately more aggressive and violent. It is men that rape and kill, it is men that perpetrate the vast majority of DV, which is on the rise already. It does not change if they wear lipstick and call themselves a woman. The stats for *who* is committing violent and sexual crimes will become meaningless with this change to the bill...

Many men, of course, will be calling themselves 'woman' to easily access the vulnerable and be transferred to the female estate. This is an enormous loophole. These predatory men are rubbing their hands with glee!

Some examples are below that I believe will become common with the bill...

I am asking for my aged mother's intimate care to be taken care of by a woman. I instead see the care giver is a man 'a man who says he is a woman', a man with the word 'female' on his birth certificate. If I object, my mother and I will not be able to access the service and I am labeled a bigot!

Another scenario ... a woman is sexually abused; in court she is told she must call her rapist a woman, or the victim will be held in contempt. He may be one of the very few rapists that get gaol time...but it is to the female estate he enters - where he continues to terrorise the women there who cannot escape him.

And what shall be our punishments for our beliefs and our mothers' beliefs, values and principles before us?

The beliefs that men can never be women, that no one can possibly be born in the wrong body, that we can be gender non-conforming, that we can be relatively safe in our women's sports, toilets, prisons, refuges, from predators.

Banned on social media for stating the truth? This is already happening many times a day to many gender-critical people I know. It's just a matter of time for me.

Dismissal and punishment from our school/uni/work for refusing to use compelled pronouns?

Re-education for holding a woman only Lesbian Dance? I believe it is recently and currently against the law in Tasmania to hold a women's only event.

Conversion therapy leading to surgery for lesbian and gay kids to make them straight or queer?

Physical violence and hatred directed towards us for requesting women's and girls' safety measures?

Forcibly removing children from their families because the parent/s don't 'affirm' their child's new gender identity? I believe this has happened in Queensland recently

Mental health problems from being fearful to publicly support our lesbians, women and girls in public by stating the truth of our biology?

I still can't believe I am living in a time in history when the word *woman* no longer describes an 'adult human female'. A time when men can be women if they want, and if boys like pink they are told they are really girls, a time when our girls are being told they are boys at puberty if they have gender dysphoria or don't like the changes happening to their bodies. They are put on puberty

blockers before they get their breasts cut off and then put on male hormones. This is taking a massive toll on our society and it is just so plain cruel and wrong!

Women, the main stakeholders in this debate have been silenced. Our Minister for Women, Shannon Fentiman, who is pushing this dangerous bill, says there is no need for 'cis' women (her word!) to be concerned, that there is no evidence in the world that transwomen (men who identify as women) are any more dangerous than women (There is mountains of evidence that this is entirely incorrect). She says that anyone having concerns is just pushing an anti queer agenda. I'm sorry but that just doesn't cut it!

Shannon Fentiman has not wanted to listen to what most women (and men) in Queensland have to say. She has deleted any dissent from her FB page, banned anyone who wants to talk to her and refuses to meet with us to hear our concerns through over 2 years of trying. We, who are the genuine stakeholders. Last month Ms. Fentiman pushed this bill through so quickly (on the last day of proceedings and on the eve of Christmas holidays) with just weeks for us to send submissions, knowing we will all be busy with family, as I am sure you are.

Finally, this bill is a deep offense to most Queenslanders. This bill will embolden predators to violate more women and girls. Abolishing the biological reality of two sexes for the latest fad of GII will have dire consequences and costs to society, financially, medically, and socially. The erasure of women as a sex class will be complete.

I *implore* you to reject these dangerous and far reaching changes to part 5 of this highly dangerous bill at your first opportunity.

Yours Sincerely, Donna Malone January 8th, 2023