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To whom it may concern,

I refer to the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022.

Under this bill, a male who has taken no hormones nor had any surgery may declare himself a woman. I will refer to this as “self ID.”

I am in favour of safety for women and girls. With this in mind I wish to express my opposition to the BDMR Bill 2022 which would institute self ID in Queensland. This bill is in direct conflict with the needs of women and girls. The right granted by law to change one’s gender does not obviate the sex based needs of women and girls.

Compromise is important. We all must share our world with people who hold different views and have different values to ourselves. However, self ID requires women and girls to not only compromise, but to put themselves at risk of physical harm. This is the main reason I oppose Shannon Fentiman’s bill.

(NB A note on terminology: I use the term “male” to denote the sex of a human. I do not refer to gender identity)

Who commits the majority of violent sex crimes? Adult males. This is a fact.
As this bill was proposed by Queensland’s Minister for Women, Shannon Fentiman, let’s look at how self ID will impact those she represents.

How does self ID benefit women and girls?

It doesn’t.

In response to Scotland’s proposed self ID laws, the UN’s special rapporteur on violence against women and girls, Reem Alsalem, said that the law could “potentially open the door for violent males who identify as men to abuse the process of acquiring a gender certificate and the rights that are associated with it.”

How does self ID benefit women and girls with disabilities?

It doesn’t.

A UK based woman with a disability recently wrote on Twitter about her dread of a male person turning up to her home to perform intimate care. Women with disabilities experience extremely high rates of sexual abuse and they should not be further put at risk.

How does self ID benefit women in prison?

It doesn’t.

A violent rapist with a fully functioning male physiology will be allowed to share intimate spaces with incarcerated women. This is already happening in other states in Australia. The consequent sexual violence is underreported.

How does self ID support women in reporting indecent exposure and other such transgressions?
It doesn't.

In California, which has self ID, when a woman accompanying her young niece to a Wi Spa complained of a person walking around the change rooms with an erect penis, her concerns were dismissed by staff. Online she was labelled transphobic and consequently harassed in the street by an Antifa mob.

How does self ID benefit girl children when they are out in public without their parents?
It doesn't.

Parents wishing to allow their older girl children independence will no longer be able to do so knowing that change rooms and toilets will be single sex.

Thank you for reading my submission. I hope you will consider the points I have made against self ID in favour of safety for women and girls.

Yours Sincerely
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