

Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022

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Submitter Comments:

Isn't a birth certificate a historical record? How will this Bill allow for the preservation of accurate historical records? How will historians of the future decipher the make-up of populations and how will family history researchers continue with their work? If a person's sex can be changed on a record, then how will that affect data governments collect to provide services to the population? For example, obviously males who identify as women need different medical services to females, and females who identify as men need different services to males - especially if they have taken cross-sex hormones and had surgeries with all the ongoing (and lifelong) medical treatment and care they require that males and females who have not undergone such procedures do not need. How will we track the makeup of the population in regards to sex? We already know that in some countries female foetuses are aborted at a far higher rate than male foetuses and so currently there is an imbalance in the world population of male and female people (there are far more males). How will we track how that changes, and when it becomes a bigger issue for various countries and their peoples? Won't the ability to change one's sex on a birth certificate enable criminals (such as child sex offenders) to do this and manipulate themselves into spaces and jobs (such as child care)? How will background checks be done if a person can acquire a completely new birth certificate? Already we know that male pattern violence continues in populations of males who identify as females (data from US, UK and European gaols), and the rate of sexual offending is actually higher than for the general male population - even with the low rate of reporting and conviction of sexual offences. So how will this Bill allow for the protection of women and girls if there will no longer be any female-only spaces available to them? Not in gaol, sport, domestic violence shelters, changing rooms, bathrooms etc. The entire reason for having female-only spaces is because women can't tell which men - and which transwomen - are dangerous. Obviously not all transwomen, just like not all men. There is also the factor of dignity and comfort. I do not want my teenaged daughter - nor does she - to get undressed in a communal change room with a male-bodied person who could be 50 years old, just like her father, or 80, just like her grandfather. No child or teenager - no adult even - should be compelled to get undressed in the presence of their parents, grandparents or complete strangers of the opposite sex. Even if those people pose no physical threat. It is just simply awkward and uncomfortable. The suicide rate for men is unacceptably high. How will the government continue to try to deal with this and understand if changes are occurring if they can't collect accurate data on sex? The Bill allows for a 16-year-old to change their sex on their birth certificate. Even at 18, 20, 22 people have not matured into full adulthood. The human brain reaches maturity at around 25 years of age. Most over 25s recognise that the decisions they made during those years were immature, even if they were good and often fun learning experiences, but subsequently went in new, more adult, directions in their lives. Allowing a child or young adult to make a change on something so foundational to their identity as their birth certificate I think is a mistake. Once something so concrete and legitimate in the eyes of the law is done, it makes it difficult for a person to change their mind - especially a young person.

We know that gender confusion and exploration for most young people sorts itself out by the time they are 25 if there is no intervention. This Bill would severely hamper the natural developmental pathway for such people and cement whatever their identity is at the time they altered their birth certificate. (This same argument applies to the life-long medicalising of gender non-conforming children, but that's another issue...)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 31 January 2023 4:55 PM
To: Legal Affairs and Safety Committee
Subject: Self ID, Births, Deaths Marriages Bill

To Whom It May Concern,

I have just heard via Twitter of all places that you are wanting to hear from ROGD parents among others in regard to this Bill.

I have already put in a submission outlining my other concerns, but did not then want to say much about my child's sudden onset gender distress at age 15.

I have a lot to say but don't know what kind of detail you would like, not what my child's privacy would be in this regard.

To summarise, she 'came out' as trans at 15, during the COVID lockdown, after spending weeks on Tik Tok when she should have been studying while I was working.

Her personality changed overnight. She refused to wear her 'girl clothes' and insisted on wearing only track suit pants and oversize mens shirts.

She emailed me official-looking material about transgenderism, which later I discovered was from trans activist lobby groups, and it was based on 'research' that has since been discredited after being examined by experts and genuine researchers.

She cited many transgender Tik Tok influencers, mostly teen girls who had had double mastectomies and were on 'T' and who told her those treatments would be the answer to all her problems. She also referred me to Tik Tok surgeons who were advertising 'top surgery' to teen girls, telling them they could just have new breast put on later if they changed their mind.

Her problems include being the younger sister of my second daughter, who had a brain tumour at birth, multiple surgeries and other treatments, developed OCD at 13 as a result of her brain surgery, and who, because of her serious health challenges has caused difficulties in our family dynamics.

My ROGD daughter also has a friend in Sydney who decided she was boy after she suffered serious challenges in her family (older sister with OCD too) and is now on testosterone and had her breasts removed (when she was 16). This girl has told my daughter that the testosterone gives her more energy and makes her feel more safe in the world. This child not only has autism but since her surgery has failed school when before it she was in a selective stream and doing well in the sciences.

This is the most difficult and challenging thing I have ever had to deal with in my life. I know my daughter is not a boy. She has never before this had any issues about being a girl. She is artistic, musical, played sport, and a very empathetic person. We raised all our three children in such a way as to encourage them to pursue their dreams, no matter what they were.

Now my previously successful (high level sport, acting awards, music awards) sits in her room all day, says she's to anxious, depressed and 'tired' to go out or do anything. I had to take her out of school and finish her high schooling through the home school system.

She has also regressed developmentally since taking on her trans identity, and her intellectual capacity has shrunk. She won't discuss the issues because she just repeats slogans such as 'transwomen are women' and anyone who questions gender identity theory - which, IS JUST A THEORY, by the way - is a bigot.

I would be happy to be contacted if you need further information.



Could you please also include this report to the committee, which is the first whistleblower from a highly respected University gender clinic in the US. You may have seen it already but it has only just been published so am including it in case you haven't:

https://www.thefp.com/p/i-thought-i-was-saving-trans-kids?r=nkoe&utm_medium=ios&utm_campaign=post