

Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022

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Submitter Comments:

I wish to express my strong support for this bill as it will deliver meaningful recognition of trans and gender diverse people in the state of Queensland. As it currently stands, the requirements for trans people to modify their birth certificate to better suit their gender identity are dehumanising, humiliating and excessive. I consider it a human right for trans and gender diverse people to be able to modify the identifier on their birth certificate without the need for medicalised bureaucracy. The ability to do so shields an already-vulnerable demographic from additional forms of discrimination and, on a more practical level, provides critical assistance to anyone transitioning (which is already an incredibly difficult and challenging process). To be frank: trans people have enough on their plate and this small change to this bill will have a big impact on their lives by taking away one of the more difficult hurdles.