

Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022

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As a member of the LGBTQ+ community, and as someone who grew up in a family outside the normative “2 parents and their biological children” model, I would like to add my support for these proposed changes to the Births, Deaths and Marriages Bill. In particular, it strikes me as fair and just that those in our community who are gender diverse be afforded the same respect, consideration and legal status as those comfortable in a binary gender construction. Similarly, increasing numbers of the community grew up in or have created diverse family structures that warrant equitable legal recognition and treatment before the law. I commend our leaders who seek to update legislation that better reflects contemporary understandings of diversity and social justice. Finally, measures to improve privacy, ward off identity theft and reduce technologically mediated fraud are also very welcome.