

Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022

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Submitter Comments:

I support people being able to change gender on their birth certificates without having had gender affirmation surgery. To ensure applications are made in good faith and not weaponised against gender diverse people, they should be supported by a statutory declaration by someone who has known that person for a certain amount of time. I also support making inclusion of gender on new birth certificates opt-in. There should also be an option for people who do not fit into the gender or sex binary (e.g. intersex people). These changes would make life easier for gender diverse people and there is no real reason that gender or sex needs to be included on certificates in any event — the only people who need to know about a person's sex organs are themselves and, in some situations, their medical practitioners, who will not be relying on birth certificates.