

Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022

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With post-truth engulfing society, some of us have refused to believe our own eyes. The echo chambers of social media dominate current discourse. We have seen the effects of how religion wields an influence over the law over time and it has never done us any good. Religious beliefs have hindered same-sex couples from marrying and women from having abortions. We're also familiar with how religious fundamentalists in Iran have ruled women's lives in the Middle East and the aftermath of this. We may have become more secular and progressive now that religious influences on the law have waned. One should learn the lessons from history to avoid similar repeats in the future. Unfortunately, the new orthodoxy has disguised itself as a trans movement and most of its supporters seem to have difficulty with seeing the parallels between this recent phenomenon and organised religion. Devotees of this new social justice movement identify out of their biological sex and urge their friends and family to use their preferred pronouns as failure to do so is "an act of psychological violence." As Camille Paglia would say the English language belongs to all of us and no single individual can claim ownership of pronouns or any other grammatical markers in the rest of the language. We're encouraged to engage in these rituals of ascribing neo pronouns to people we know as this is the new dogma that we are compelled to accept without a second thought. Using the pronouns that matches a person's biological sex can be now considered a hate crime according to the new moral order (depending on whether the victim's feelings were hurt or not). Heresy was something that belonged in the dark ages, it was a form of persecution against those who told the truth, but unfortunately it has made a comeback in this era of post-truth. This bill holds a mirror to this ugly zeitgeist and does not reflect material reality.

No one can deny reality. Not even the law can magically change nor override biology or well-established facts. Authoritarian reforms demanding total compliance from its citizens does not change the truth no matter how much we may be forced to lie to ourselves through fear. Sex is real and it's immutable. To deny sex correlates to being anti-human. This bill engages in Orwellian doublespeak which is defined as "to be conscious of complete truthfulness while telling carefully constructed lies." Deep down, everyone knows instinctively what a man and a woman is, but the mantra "Trans women are women" is oft-repeated.

Women and men go through different life experiences. No woman (and not even Ms. Fentiman) can identify their way out of misogyny despite their best efforts to change their appearance. Wearing a costume or undergoing surgery does not automatically change one's DNA, chromosomes or reproductive functions. This is the truth and for Parliament to deny the truth does not inspire any respect in the law amongst citizens. It renders legislation nonsense and provokes contempt among women who are being

disregarded. Making women's only spaces illegal may result in some repercussions that could compromise a woman's right to safety and make them more fearful. No entrepreneur can set up a female only dating site as it would be seen as discriminatory towards men who are legally registered as women under this bill. This in effect discriminates against homosexuals as they're forbidden from exercising their right to freedom of assembly and being coerced into including the opposite sex in their dating pool by the state which is by definition a form of homophobia.

Time will tell if the changes to the Birth, Marriages and Death Act will be positive or negative. It could put off women from seeking refuge from domestic violence shelters or from using single sex spaces under self-ID laws. These new laws may lead to the tyrannization of women from using their voices to speak up about their rights to privacy, dignity and safety and this does not reflect well in Australia's image on the international stage of human rights.

A term that has been used time and time again as a smokescreen as part of this ongoing widespread manipulation for legalizing self-ID has been "inclusivity." Inclusivity is defined as the practice or policy of providing equal access to opportunities and resources for people who might otherwise be excluded or marginalized. We are being gaslit into thinking that this law is inclusive of gender diverse people and is being masqueraded with appealing rainbow colours to make it seem that this is all harmless and is all about upholding virtues such as equality and diversity. One outsider who knows nothing about this issue could be forgiven for thinking what could go wrong? Until they pick these soundbites apart and examine the conflicts that arise. Ms. Fentiman states in the introduction of her bill that "it is an unfortunate reality that trans and gender diverse people face much higher rates of discrimination, violence and social exclusion than their cis counterparts." When did the minister think it was ever appropriate to break down women into a subcategory of cis? Women have always been the same sex. Where is the concrete evidence for violence against the trans community? ABC published an article on its website back in 2019 with the title "Why is it so hard to work out how many transgender people have been murdered in Australia? There is no mention of Queensland which had the largest increase in sexual assault out of all the states back in 2021 according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Eighty-seven per cent of these victims were female. Why is this ignored? She says she listened and this is the result yet claims women were consulted when they were not. Women like Sall Grover attempted to e-mail Ms. Fentiman yet was blocked. Women opposed to the proposed self-ID bill voiced their concerns to Ms. Fentiman on social media and also reported being blocked.

She says this bill affirms them. Professor Patrick Parkinson questions in his submission how it's helpful to gender diverse people to engage in their irrational beliefs and what good it does them? In fact, what good is it for society as a whole to engage in a lie and not face the truth? What is the point of penalizing those who don't engage in a lie? It's not a hallmark of democracy to live a lie. She uses people who she has spoken to as examples who fear outing themselves every time they apply for a job or enrolling in university. This raises a lot of concerns about the mental health of these people and makes one wonder whether affirmation is best practice legally and psychologically. Why not work on the underlying insecurities of these people rather than confirm to them "they were born in the wrong body?"

She has also claimed that there are those who will cloak their transphobia in the guise of women's safety. This indicates her refusal to make the safety of women a priority and creates a lot of distrust in her position as Attorney General. Given calls for Ms. Fentiman to resign from her position as Minister for Child Safety in the past following numerous deaths in foster homes, why would anyone be quick to believe her when she states that self-ID laws pose no risk to women and is quick to deem anyone as transphobic who disagrees with her. She wilfully ignores the case of Jessica Yaniv in British Columbia, Canada who later turned out to be a predator. Jessica is a trans-identified male who went to salons in Canada and sued the service providers for refusing to wax Jessica's genitalia. Yaniv is also reported asking online if it was okay to show a ten-year-old who had asked for a tampon how to insert it or take the case of Barbie Kardashian in Ireland, another trans-identified male who was arrested for tearing out the eyelids of their care worker. Barbie is a danger to women yet is being housed with women in the same prison with them. Some might view these as exceptional cases but they shed light on how predators can easily abuse self-identification laws and further prove that women's safety is essential. To state matter-of-factly that there is no evidence that trans women pose no threat to women's safety is a lie.

She tells us to think about the impact our words will have on trans and gender diverse people. This can make any reader walk on eggshells around those who identify as transgender and have to needlessly apologize for using the wrong pronoun and that does not reflect well on the trans community and portrays them as sensitive and easily upset.

This bill is problematic insofar as that it imposes a fantastical and unrealistic world view on everyone. If the state decided that it was mandatory for everyone to be Christian or face risk of imprisonment, there would rightfully be an uproar and this bill is no different. I would argue that this does not help

the trans community as a whole but instead creates hostility towards them which makes the state liable. This bill is at odds with the right to freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief contained in article 18 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

To quote a famous transsexual Miranda Yardley “it’s like an infiltration into women’s culture that is being done without any form of respect for individual or group boundaries. They may be identifying as women but they sure as hell aren’t identifying with women. They are not paying any heed to the privacy and comfort or showing the respect that women - You know I think males should show women. We should respect each other and I just don’t see any of that coming from what is being called the trans community or their allies.”

Sex is an important marker when it comes to statistics. Without these markers, confusion abounds. We are seeing the fallout of this in countries that have legalized self-ID. Natal males who identify as women and commit crimes are being inaccurately portrayed in the media as women which in turn can have an effect on crime statistics and the state of journalism as a whole. Journalism is about presenting the facts of a story. If a writer cannot call a spade a spade for fear of being deemed transphobic, then the notion of a free press is a fantasy. If sex was abolished in every society, what implications could this have on future generations perusing records of their ancestors and they can’t tell whether their great grandfather and great grandmothers were born as males or females, but instead read “gender-queer” and “non-binary?” This bill will obscure the truth of crime statistics and will defame women as having male patterns of criminality. This can have a severe impact on future generations and may unleash trauma. It is a responsibility on every society to accurately and objectively portray the times we’re living in and not to whitewash history. Whitewashing has always been a scandal in itself and we need to be conscious of that.

The bill gives a pathway to 12-15 year olds without a parent to apply to a court to legally change their sex. This sets a legal precedent in that it is saying minors are now capable of changing their sex records like adults. Some people may ask themselves how this precedent may affect other areas of the law and if this is introduced, what else can minors consent to? In the UK, the case of Keira Bell has caused a medical scandal. This is what happens when children are misled into thinking they are born into the wrong body. Some discover that medically and socially transitioning didn’t help their underlying mental health issues disappear. They become sterilised and suffer a lifetime of sexual dysfunction. Some

detransitioners speak out about their experiences being betrayed by doctors and therapists on social media only to face a backlash of vitriol and ridicule from transactivists because they're viewed as damaged goods, bad PR and ostracized by the mainstream media and virtue signalling politicians. They're told it's their faults they transitioned and this is something they have to live with for the rest of their lives. Parents have a responsibility to look after their children and to nurture them and to help them to grow. Whoever is reading this, aren't you grateful that a parent or a legal guardian stopped you from making some unwise decisions when you were younger? Maybe those decisions were reversible and didn't have a grave impact on the rest of your life, but think about the young patients who were affirmed by everyone they knew and now feel betrayed when someone more responsible should have stepped in and stopped them from undergoing bodily mutilation. Adopting the view that minors are capable of making fully conscious and informed decisions like adults makes the state negligent in its duty of care and protection to children. Turning a blind eye to all of this will snowball into a medical scandal on a grand scale as bad as the Catholic Church sex abuse scandals. We are only in the beginning and I am sure many more will come out and detransition.

I ask you again, please listen to everyone opposed to self-ID in these letters and do not go ahead with this bill. There are better ways to make transactivists happy and removing the rights of women to safety, dignity and privacy is not the way to go about it. There is evidence worldwide that this isn't working so you can't say you didn't know.

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