

## Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022

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### Submitter Comments:

Having the right to self identify & have legal documents reflect that identity is life saving for many transgender people. My child is transgender & let us know when he was fourteen. Soon after he was subjected to countless sessions with a psychologist & psychiatrist to finally have the right to access testosterone therapy. He wanted to change his name & gender on his birth certificate too, but initially that wasn't possible without having undergone gender affirming surgery. Then the law changed here in Tasmania. Finally, we could change his name & gender without the need for surgery we couldn't afford. The way he looked when he received his brand new birth certificate with the correct gender on it is something I will never forget. I don't think I'd ever seen him so proud, content & happy all at once. Transgender folk deserve the right to have their identity/legal documents properly reflect who they are regardless of ability or desire to undergo surgery. I want every transgender person to experience the positive & affirming effect my son did upon seeing their birth certificate corrected. Please make a positive change. There are so many who will benefit from the right to change their gender on their birth certificate. Please think of them.