


## Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022

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I wish to express my concern about the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022, for which the consultation period closes on Wednesday 11 January.

Specifically, my concern is that this Bill will allow men who identify as women to change their legal sex by simply filling out a form rather than undergoing physical sex reassignment surgery.

If passed, this Bill has the potential to provide cover for 'intact' biologically male sexual predators to masquerade as women to access women-only spaces, thus threatening the safety of women and girls using those spaces.

I am NOT saying all men who choose to identify as women seek to intrude upon women-only spaces with the express intention to harm women, just that enough men who are pre-disposed to act in this way will be enabled by the Self-ID law to act in this way. This magnifies the risk of harassment and assault faced by women and girls in spaces that are supposed to be safe. This assertion is supported by studies which show that male patterns of criminality do not change with gender reassignment.<sup>1</sup>

There is evidence, in jurisdictions that have adopted 'Self-ID' laws, of transwomen harassing and raping women in women-only prisons, hospital wards and shelters. Some examples are listed below:

- 'Transgender Rikers inmate sentenced to 7 years for raping female prisoner', NY Post, April 25, 2022, <https://nypost.com/2022/04/25/transgender-rikers-inmate-gets-7-years-for-raping-female-prisoner/>
- 'Hospital staff told police their patient was not raped as alleged attacker was transgender, despite CCTV showing assault in ward', GBN – Britain's News Channel, March 18, 2022, <https://www.gbnews.uk/news/hospital-staff-told-police-their-patient-was-not-raped-as-alleged-attacker-was-transgender-despite-cctv-showing-assault-in-ward/250941>
- 'Sex Offender Identified as Woman to Access Women's Shelter, Allegedly Raped a Female Resident', ReduXX – Feminist News and Opinion, <https://reduxx.info/male-sex-offender-identified-as-woman-to-access-womens-shelter-allegedly-raped-a-female-resident/>

The consequential impacts of the 'Self-ID' component of this Bill, in terms of depriving women and girls of safe women-only spaces, the potential for a rise in sexual harassment and assault of women and girls in women-only spaces, and the likely judicial and legal issues which will arise in respect of investigating and prosecuting sexual assault claims where the perpetrator identifies as a woman, far outweigh the benefits that would accrue to a tiny minority of the Queensland population who actually seek the law to be so changed.

There are very good common-sense reasons why women and girls require safe women-only spaces. The Self-ID law, as proposed, is not based upon common-sense, and this Parliament should dismiss it forthwith. Not to do so will mean that this Parliament would be culpable for the ensuing social problems that will assuredly flow from it.

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<sup>1</sup> 'Long-Term Follow-Up of Transsexual Persons Undergoing Sex Reassignment Surgery: Cohort Study in Sweden', 22 February, 2011, NIH National Library of Medicine, <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3043071/#:~:text=Second%20regarding%20any%20crime%20male,was%20true%20regarding%20violent%20crime.>