

SUBMISSION TO THE LEGAL AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE,**QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENT****Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022****Christine Carrigg**

I am writing to oppose the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022.

I declare my opposition specifically to Part 5 of the proposed legislation which should be deleted from the bill.

I believe it should be deleted from the bill because it talks about allowing an acknowledgement of sex in the form of sex descriptors by those who are not comfortable with their natal sex. A birth certificate is not the place to *describe* how you feel about your sex. It is a document the purpose of which is to *record* one's birth sex at the time of one's birth.

I reject unequivocally the premise that birth certificates need to be "modernised" by enshrining in law the absolute fabrication that one's gender identity equates to one's sex. They are two entirely separate things.

If a document recording a person's gender identity as opposed to their sex is desired, then it follows that separate legislation quite apart from this bill is required to consider it.

I believe the scientific fact that:

People *are* born with sexed bodies.

A person *is* born either female or male.

This means that all persons will live and die as biological females, or biological males, it is an immutable fact.

Therefore, because it is an immutable fact, it follows that a person's natal sex must remain on their birth certificate as a true record of birth.

This immutable fact is I submit, relevant to the committee's report to parliament.

In Queensland, at least 50% of the population is female. Typically, as females age, bodily life events for most will include the experience of puberty, menstruation, giving birth, breastfeeding, menopause and on into old age. All of these 'events' may, and frequently do, come with attendant personal, health and medical impacts on their female lives, sometimes with lifelong consequences.

Authentic female lives cannot ever be lived by natal males because their sex has been pre-determined before birth as male. Therefore, men can never physically be women, even when they self-identify as a woman.

Typically, as males age, they will experience and physically benefit from male puberty, growing in stature and strength surpassing that of most women.

They will be socially, culturally and politically advantaged throughout their lives in comparison to most women.

Males typically benefit from superior incomes, superior jobs and superior opportunities for advancing their careers even when they are not as well qualified as their female competition. Equally galling to women is the fact that men who say they are women are now being awarded titles and positions intended to promote the advancement of women. This is unacceptable and disrespectful to females aspiring to live a fulfilling life.

Most females on the other hand, strive to raise their children, run a household and hold down a job, usually low paying. This is our social, cultural and political reality.

Imagine women having to compete with men and or men who self-identify as women for jobs where the intimate care of girls and women is required. This is a recipe for disaster. Imagine if you will the feelings of women who will be given no choice but to submit.

Imagine the controversy come the Olympic Games in Brisbane when women's sport will be a joke. It will no longer be a fair competitive environment for natal women. Why are natal males allowed, even now, to enter women's competitions, let alone win events and set false female records? Why would girls bother to prepare for their chosen sport knowing that they will never stand on the podium?

This is a ridiculous situation, and it cannot be "fixed" by trying to massage sporting guidelines to make competitions inclusive so that they can include men who self-identify as women. Men who self-identify as women need another solution.

These issues are I submit, of relevance to the committee's report to parliament.

Lawmakers, policy makers, politicians and the courts have long enabled males to continue to violate women's bodily integrity with little deterrent nor consequence. For the media it's merely grist to the mill to continue telling us that another girl or woman, regardless of her age, has been raped, beaten or murdered by a violent man or men. I say men, because as we know some violent men hunt in cowardly packs, especially at night.

These crimes against girls and women are committed by violent boys and men wherever they are, even in the intimate setting of the family home which should be safe but is demonstrably not. In the home where girls and women can be preyed upon and subjected to violence by their brothers, fathers, uncles etc with impunity. Who believes them? Who convicts these perpetrators?

Woe betides female inmates of so-called women's prisons because violent males can now decide to self-identify as female and be moved in. As can a male who self-identified as female prior to his incarceration. This is unacceptable and represents yet another example where vulnerable women are required to share their intimate single sex spaces with dangerous men. Men who self-identify as women should never be transferred to women's prisons.

And yet, even as you read this, it is happening in Queensland. Of course, the general public has not been made aware of nor consented to this. Female prisoners cannot object. Their allies who continue to protest about this have been ignored.

Shame on the Queensland government. The prison system must adapt to accommodating these men in safety in a male prison.

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For some time now, the media has taken to referring to all crimes committed by males who self-identify as women, as having been committed by natal women. This is patently untrue.

Because they are still natal men, their crimes should never be recorded for the purpose of criminal statistics as having been committed by a female. Their crimes must be truthfully recorded as having been committed by a male.

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For many, many decades women fought long and hard to secure single-sex spaces and services for women. These services and spaces were designed to be sensitive to the needs for physical safety of girls and women apart from men. These services and spaces were not given to women even though there was a huge unmet need for them. These spaces and services were never intended to be used by men, or by men who self-identify as women.

Women's Refuges and Rape Crisis Counselling services were founded and staffed by female volunteers for many years before they managed to attract government funding. But then later, these single-sex services for women were forced, if they wanted their funding to continue, to accept male clients as well. This is another unacceptable example of government-endorsed male entitlement overriding the sex-based needs of vulnerable women.

Men, including men who self-identify as women, should be accommodated by an overarching single sex service catering to the needs of vulnerable men. It could be advertised as a new, ground-breaking service sensitive to the needs of all men, no matter how they "identify".

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If men self-identifying as women are legally sanctioned to use women's change rooms, toilets and all other women's single-sex spaces then women will literally have no place to go.

Families will no longer send their little girls to the women's pool change room or the women's public toilet on their own. Women will be afraid of finding themselves sharing intimate single-sex spaces with these men because they know instinctively that they are not women and therefore they will feel unsafe. They have already *been* harmed as you will discover for yourself when you google search this subject. Women will also know, if this bill is enacted as currently written, men who self-identify as women, have reminded them exactly where they stand. Subordinate to the will of men. But of course, the public have yet to become aware of this diabolical Labor Government plan to put women and girls at risk.

Women and girls will be devastated, afraid, and many will no doubt be traumatised. They are entitled not only to *be* safe but to *feel* safe. Does this matter to you? I sincerely hope so.

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Furthermore, I believe the scientific fact that:

People *are not born* with gendered bodies.

This notion sometimes develops in a tiny minority of distressed young people as they grow up, or even, by some, at a later stage in life.

Belief in a gender identity which differs from their natal sex, may be embraced by girls more than boys and men more than women for a myriad of reasons.

Their natal sex may become a powerful and distressing problem for them causing them to seek a solution in the idea that they are in fact the opposite sex. However, as we know, this is not true. In the long term they may seek to pursue physical changes to their bodies, trying to make it true.

I am particularly concerned about the fate of young children being prescribed puberty blockers to which they are not capable of giving appropriate consent. This practice needs to be made illegal.

I am even more disturbed by the cruel fate awaiting adolescent girls who endure the pain of wearing constricting chest binders before going on to have their healthy breast tissue surgically excised, courtesy of ever-willing health operators.

They also are not capable of giving meaningful consent to this gruesome surgery, or the need to take a regime of harmful drugs for the rest of their lives. Surgeries such as this, perpetrated by adults on adolescent girls should be banned. They represent the reprehensible malpractice of doing actual bodily harm. I believe there will be legal consequences for those involved in all aspects of this despicable practice down the track.

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Members of parliament need to ask themselves this question. How does the health industry intersect with gender ideology?

I believe the phrase, "follow the money" explains their position. There are billions of dollars to be made from exploiting and indeed harming those who are uncomfortable with their bodies.

Self-identifying as the opposite sex is a *very recent trend* which has gained a rapid and unprecedented level of support and funding throughout the world, both from the corporate as well as the public purse. As I previously noted, volunteers worked for decades with little or no public funding to support women and families suffering from male inflicted violence. In stark contrast to this swiftly orchestrated campaign which has spread its tentacles into every sphere of life.

Grooming of politicians, civil servants, not for profit organisations, corporations, unions, sporting organisations and clubs, and in fact almost all workplaces is complete. Dissenters have already effectively been silenced and workers and parents live with the very real fear of losing their jobs or their children if they do not fall into lock step with the gender ideology cult.

This legislation enables the wishes of parents of underage children who want their children to grow up before making irreversible decisions, to be disregarded by the state. This is a volatile and untenable situation for any family to face, when only the misguided wish of their indoctrinated child is deemed to matter.

Our very young primary school children in Queensland are already being compulsorily educated that they now have options to grow up to be a boy or a girl. This magical thinking is also being taught in our high schools i.e., that sex is on a spectrum and that there are over 50 genders. Children cannot understand this language as any developmental expert will tell you. And yet, these lies, with no basis in science are being foisted on children in an academic environment, as the truth. Teachers are saying to their students that they have been instructed to give these lessons though it is not what they necessarily believe. This should alert the committee to the fact that the community does not support the misinformation and indoctrination passing as truth to the vulnerable young.

I would ask the committee this question. Where is the political oversight needed to set policy guidelines for ethical good practice by health professionals? The Queensland government should, as a matter of urgency, seek to provide adequate and appropriate mental health care for this vulnerable population.

A watchful waiting approach, which allows young bodies and minds time to develop and mature, should be adopted by the health industry. The compulsory affirmation model, which scandalously limits medical and allied health professionals' ability to provide appropriate care and counselling to gender confused young people, needs to go.

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In conclusion I would encourage this committee to take an intelligent and independent stance against the inclusion of Part 5 of the bill.

The committee could strongly advise that Part 5 be deleted, and that separate legislation be designed to enable those persons who have a gender identity at odds with their sex at birth, to be able to register this accordingly, and be issued with a certificate of gender identity.

I would also say that positive discrimination to protect natal females in all private circumstances where their safety and dignity relies on the exclusion of males, continues to be an urgent concern.

State sanctioned inclusion of males who self-identify as females into natal female single-sex spaces is simply not an option.

Finally, I would like to note that:

The Attorney General's consultation process was a calculated piece of political engineering. She introduced this legislation on the last day of sitting after two years of consulting with the gender ideology community. She deliberately excluded women's groups, refusing to meet with them to listen to their legitimate concerns and actively blocking email communications and posts on her website.

She exultantly proclaimed in parliament that "some groups will try to cloak their transphobia in the guise of women's safety- making claims about trans women accessing women's spaces, including change rooms or even domestic violence shelters. I want to be clear: there is no evidence, domestically or internationally, to support these outrageous claims."

Now, that statement by the Attorney General, truly is an outrageous claim, and flies in the face of easily obtainable evidence. Evidence that could have been provided to her by the women's groups with which she refused to meet.

The Attorney General is also the Minister for Women. I would suggest that her autocratic, anti-democratic behaviour tells the women of Queensland that she is most unsuited to hold this position.

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