

Submission to the Legal Affairs and Safety Committee Queensland Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022

8th January 2023

This Bill should not include Part 5 – Acknowledgement of sex.

1. The inclusion of Part 5, by its very existence in this Bill, supports the falsehood that people can change sex. That is not what a birth certificate is a record of.
 2. A birth certificate is a record of fact regarding sex and date of birth and should not be changed unless there is a mistake of fact.
“Sex” on a birth certificate should not be replaced by “sex descriptor”. A description of sex is unnecessary.
 3. The falsehood that people can change sex, and all that it encompasses, is harmful to individuals, groups, and the public.
 4. No safeguards will be enough to protect vulnerable people from the harm this legislation might create and support.
 5. Part 5 of the Bill is not going to protect or improve the lives of Queenslanders. Certainly, not those who will be most harmed by this ideology. Making difficult decisions about improving people’s lives should not just be about kindness, it should be about hard work to find the best balances for the public.
- ◇ I implore Committee members to employ their critical thinking to do their own research about Gender Identity Ideology.
 - ◇ I implore Committee members to research balanced evidence about sex self ID especially in those countries that have had the time and inclination to assess it even though it may be difficult to find information from mainstream sources.
 - ◇ I implore Committee members to have the courage to include doubts about Part 5 and ensure the protection of Queenslanders when writing your report to parliament (and as members of parliament).
 - ◇ I ask Committee members to invite at least a balance of submitters, especially since mainstream media rarely provides the opportunity for reasonable, or any debate, regarding this topic.

I ask that Committee members in their report to parliament, recommend: -

- That Part 5 of the bill should be removed.
- That Part 5 does not belong in the Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act.
- That Part 5 will harm individuals, groups, and the public.

1.

- Part 5 posits, whether deliberately or not, that people can change sex.
- Vulnerable men/boys and women/girls who experience discomfort with their sex might think they can escape it.
- Their discomfort will not be relieved by living a delusion. The fact that this legislation allows changes annually is almost testament to this.
- It is not difficult to understand that once a person thinks he/she can deny his/her sex, especially the most vulnerable patients, they may medicalise themselves to follow through on that delusion. These actions are likely to cause irreparable harm.
- People cannot change sex. Even people with Differences in Sexual Development (DSDs often referred to as Intersex) are either female or male. Humans develop to eventually produce large gametes – ova, or small gametes – sperm.

2.

- The term “sex descriptor” does not belong on a birth certificate. Describing one’s sex is unnecessary. Female and male are clear statements of one’s sex on a record of birth. There can be no change of sex in humans, no “in between” sex, no absence of sex, certainly not annually.
- How one expresses oneself as a male or female is an entirely different matter, from one’s sex.

3.

- If this Bill passes including Part 5, people who deny the reality of their sex will have not seek proper medical care. They will not find out the causes of their discomfort with their sexed bodies - their traumas, internalised homophobia, autism, ADHD, etc. and/or social contagion leading to Rapid Onset Gender Dysphoria; even paraphilias like autogynephilia.
- Effected females and males may not receive appropriate sex-based treatments/screenings e. g. cervical, prostate, correct ECG settings, etc. This could have dire consequences on patients.
- Families will be torn apart. Parents who do not want their children to harm themselves unnecessarily, who want their children to get proper help, may well find themselves on the wrong side of the law.
- Part 5 makes it possible for a parent with Munchausen’s by Proxy to receive the attention they crave by taking advantage of this proposed law to harm their own children.
- A partner/acquaintance can use this legislation to influence the lives of single parents and their child 12-15 years of age negatively.
- And certainly 16 years+ young people could be taken advantage of by anyone 18+. You know what lengths predators will go to, to access children, adolescents, and vulnerable adults.
- Groups of people such as girls, women, children, lesbians, gays (particularly younger members of these groups) will be forced to accept people of the opposite sex in their single sex spaces, places, groups, sports, awards, positions, relationships.
- Data will become falsified and make it difficult for sex-based resources to be applied fairly.
- Sex-based statistics will lose credibility. Data will be recorded inaccurately and skew information such as crime statistics, genetic information, health information, education information, etc.

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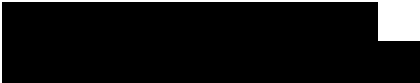
- Safeguards in Part 5 of this Bill for the applicants are almost non-existent. And there are no safeguards for those people who will not accept the ideology Part 5 supports.
- As members of parliament on a Legal Affairs and Safety Committee, you accept the responsibility to protect Queensland’s citizens.
- Whether 12 years-old or 25, people who believe they are not their natal sex should not be enabled by the State, by any government, to confirm their delusion.
- Certainly a 12–15-year-old cannot “understand” the meaning and legal implications of rejecting their sex. perhaps not even people in their 20s, while brains are still developing.
- An assessment report by a “developmentally informed practitioner who has a relationship with the child” could be who? A doctor/therapist? (Even though the AMA Qld was against the law that already passed that allows them only to affirm a child who says he/she is not their sex?) For how long? What does “relationship” mean? This is not safeguarding.
- There are no exceptions provided for - Domestic Violence Shelters where women and children seek asylum from male violence, prisons, hospitals, aged care facilities, changerooms, toilets, awards, scholarships, positions on Boards, positions in political parties and other sex-based opportunities for women and girls.

5.

- The Attorney-General proposed Part 5 of this Bill expressing false and questionable “information” regarding the reasons for her support of Gender Identity Ideology. That is mainly what she talked about and her purpose for proposing the Bill.
- Her statements based on information presented to her by gender identity ideologues should be challenged, or at least questioned.
- She didn’t divulge that she refused to meet with women’s groups. She denigrates those who are rightly concerned that Part 5 will negatively affect women’s and girls’ safety, privacy, rights. It is not “transphobic” to protect sex-based rights. Noting a lack of safeguards is reasonable fear.
- Limited research is not good enough for Queensland’s First Law Officer. There is a mountain of evidence that sex self ID provides opportunities, platforms, power to those who abuse it.
- It is not good enough for a Minister for Women and a Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence to ignore evidence both here and overseas, that this ideology creates a range of harms specifically to women, girls, children, lesbians, and gays.
- It is not good enough that the Attorney-General, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence takes this opportunity to push an ideology that insists that she call women ‘cis’. We are not. We are women.

Regards,

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