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Re: no sex self identification in Qld

The undermining of women.

I am writing to voice my concerns and express my disappointment that on December 2 2022 Queensland Attorney -General Shannon Fentiman introduced a bill to Parliament that if passed would enable Queenslanders to change their sex on their birth certificates without having had gender affirmation surgery, or a medical diagnosis of gender dysphoria. This means that men who "identify" as women can change their legal sex with little more than a few strokes of a pen. The implications for women and girls cannot be underestimated. Such legislation will effectively allow men to self -identify into female only activities, spaces and services, including sports, prisons, toilets, change rooms and refuges. Some of these men may genuinely suffer from gender dysphoria and some men may have ulterior motives for wanting to legally change their sex. The UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls highlighted the potential for sexual predators to abuse such laws. In either case women or girls relative physical vulnerability and male pattern of criminality does not dissipate simply because of a piece of paper.

I am very concerned about the Bill itself, more so by the concerted effort to ignore and silence women who oppose the legislation, both by trans activists and Minister Fentiman herself. If Minister Fentman's bill becomes law, women as a sex class in Qld will cease to exist, because any man will be able to falsify his birth certificate to say he is actually a female.

(Humans cannot change sex, human sex is immutable) There are only two sexes, male and female. The big question is why Minister Fentiman, who is also Queensland's Minister for Women would introduce a bill that would allow any man to identify as a women, with no qualifiers other than their own feelings. This demonstrates an utter disregard and disrespect for the lived reality of biological women and girls.

As an older woman who for many years believed in and fought for women's sex based rights, I now find the Queensland Government making it easy for males to identify as females, and benefit from gendered policies not designed for them, undercutting the very principals of "gender equality" for which Labor is relentlessly big noting itself. Legislation like that posed by Minister Fentiman will steadily erode the gains women have made over the past 50 years. How ironic Queensland has the Minister for Women to thank for it.

I never thought for a moment that a Bill such as Minister Fentiman introduced and with such huge implications for my own sex would be spearheaded by a woman – much less one who calls herself a feminist.

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