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To: Legal Affairs and Safety Committee
Subject: Self ID bill

Hello,

I am writing to express my horror and disappointment that the QLD government is proposing to introduce sex self-identification. That the QLD government would not wish to protect the dignity and safety of the women and girls living in this state is appalling.

There are unfortunately far too many examples of injury and distress caused to women across the globe where sex-segregated spaces have been removed. Women have and continue to be assaulted in prisons by male inmates who have been transferred to the female estate; harrassed in changing rooms and bathrooms at public facilities, and even denied access to necessary medical and social services such as domestic violence shelters, counselling for sexual assault, and emergent medical intervention after requesting post operative intimate care be provided by female nursing staff only. References to all these and many more can easily be accessed at the website www.lostwomensrights.com/sss.

Additionally, introducing sex self-ID into QLD is an insult to all observant jewish or muslim women, and many christians, as there are strict rules around modesty and the mixing of men and women. How can religion be a protected characteristic that is upheld under QLD law if sex self-ID is introduced?

This isn't about the extremely small minority of the male population who suffer from gender dysphoria to the extent where working to change their appearance provides relief. This is about the **much larger** portion of men who are predatory and who will take full advantage of the removal of sex segregated spaces for their own awful purposes. Removing sex segregated spaces by allowing for sex self-ID in QLD will remove the right of women to say no to these predatory men, and the ability to have legal recourse when they commit crimes against us.

I would remind you that it wasn't until 1971 in Australia that women were allowed to take out a bank loan without having a male relative as guarantor. It was within extremely recent history that Australian women were essentially considered the property of their male relatives. Sex self-ID is a backslide, and as a lifelong labor and greens voter I am disgusted by this proposal.

Thank you,

P McGee