

Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022

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I am writing not about the privacy dignity and comfort granted to women of all single sex spaces as I am sure others will. Especially for women of different religions which never gets a mention in this debate but of prisons. Prisons are where we see the most obvious differences between men and women. The vast majority of women in prison are not there for violent or sexual crimes but for fraud, non payment of fines and such like. Women in prison have very high percentages of having suffered domestic violence and sexual abuse. There is ample evidence from overseas of the terror women suffer from being housed with men. In a womens prison in Victoria women have been housed with a man who is there for sexual crimes and these women have a petition to have this man removed but have been ignored as a mans feelings about his identity trumps the safety and dignity of these women. Also why would any Government think that criminals would not take advantage of of self ID laws to be transferred to the womens estate. There is plenty of evidence from California, Canada and Scotland to mention a few. There have been rapes in these prisons by men calling themselves women. A Scottish Prison Governor has gone public with her observations of men reverting to their male identity once released from prison. This is cruel and unusual punishment for women in prison. The male prison estate deals with a lot of vulnerable men, young men, gay men, why are men claiming a female identity any different. The British Justice Department has stated that male criminal behaviour does not change with a trans identity. In fact the proportion of men who have a female identity in prison are there at a rate of 50% of their in prisoned population for sexual crimes where as the male prison population rate for sexual crimes are between 20% and 25% in English speaking countries.