

## Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022

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### Submitter Comments:

This bill fundamentally undermines women's rights in Queensland and the lack of consultation with feminist organisations and the broader population is disgraceful. If the female sex is something males can opt in to legally on the basis of self-ID, sex becomes meaningless and women are no longer protected from sex discrimination. Additionally, we would not allow the date of birth to be altered on birth certificates, so why allow sex and parentage to be legally falsified? As a mother of two, I know that birth certificates are a record of birth, which should accurately reflect the circumstances at the time of birth. All children are born to one biological mother and one biological father, as we are a sexually reproducing species. Any changes to falsify parentage on birth certificates undermines the rights of the child to know their mother and their father, and their family history. Please listen to the stories of donor conceived children finding out who their real fathers are, or being unable to find out who their biological relatives are. Children have a right to their own genetic information. This bill also hopelessly conflates and confuses sex and gender identity, stating that someone can apply to change the sex on their birth certificate but then putting that the 'sex marker' can be anything within reason. There are only two sexes, male and female (which includes people with disorders of sex development). Birth certificates should not be able to be legally falsified to have a sex that is anything other than male or female. This is poorly drafted legislation that will undermine women's rights and children's rights.