

Triple Bottom Line (TBL) Assessment Summary

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19/598 – Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Amendment Bill 2020

Summary of impacts:

- The proposals in this Bill would lead to a positive outcomes in many aspects, particularly in achieving equality, in improving mental health, and in supporting human rights.
- Adopted people will be able to obtain formal recognition of their history through integrated birth certificates.

Level of impact	Positive	Negative	Neutral
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Social		
Level of impact	Impact	Summary
Positive	Gender Equality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trans, intersex or gender diverse people are disproportionately impacted by the existing change of name and registered sex regime. • Many trans, intersex or gender-diverse people do not identify with their names and/or registered sex and experience mental health concerns as a result. • While all adults can independently change their names/registered sex, young people cannot change their sex or name unless they have consent from both parents. • The proposal will remove some barriers for trans, intersex or gender diverse young people to change their names or registered sex.
Positive	Health (Community and mental health)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many trans, intersex or gender diverse people do not identify with their names and/or registered sex and experience mental health concerns as a result. • Transgender, intersex and gender diverse young people experience higher rates of depression, anxiety, self-harm and suicide attempts than other young people. • Making it easier for young people to change their birth certificate details is one way of affirming their gender identity, thereby improving mental health outcomes for them.

Positive	Access to services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposal will lead to better access to obtaining a birth certificate that reflects the applicant's gender identity. For an adopted person, the proposal will make it possible to obtain a birth certificate that reflects that personal history and identity.
Positive	Access to social inclusion/participation and community activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposal will support and recognise the gender identity of many trans, intersex or gender diverse people. Gender identity is closely related to the way individuals hold themselves out in the community. The proposal will allow trans, intersex or gender diverse people to live and participate in the community in their affirmed gender. Allowing adopted people to have a form of formal recognition of their past would facilitate their interaction with the rest of the community, as it helps to remove the unjustified stigma of adoption.
Positive	Human rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposal will support the right of a child to protection without distinction or discrimination of any kind. The proposal will also support trans, intersex or gender diverse people's right to privacy, and their right to the equal protection of the law without discrimination. The proposal will support the adopted people's right to privacy, and the right of their family to protection because they will be given the opportunity to formally recognise their past personal history with their birth families.
Positive	Impacts on different age groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposal benefits trans, intersex or gender diverse people aged between 12 to 18, as the current regime does not allow them to independently change their birth certificate details. Being able to obtain identification that affirms their gender identity may improve the mental health of people in that age group.
Positive	Disadvantaged and vulnerable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trans, intersex and gender diverse young people are a particularly vulnerable group as many of them are target of bullying and other forms of discrimination. The young people may not always have the family support in changing their birth certificate details, thus may be deterred by the financial expenses associated with the change.

Economic

Nil

Environmental

Nil