

Gender Identity

Freedom of gender identity is a fundamental human right. The inclusion and celebration of people of diverse gender identities are essential for genuine social justice and equality. People have the right to assume their self-identified gender. This is integral to people's lived experiences as citizens and members of the community. (see also The Greens (WA) companion policy [Sexuality](#))

Aims

The Greens (WA) want:

- the removal of discrimination on the grounds of gender identity from all federal and state laws
- access to the full range of medical and health services required by people with needs related to their gender identity (see also The Greens (WA) [Health](#) policy)
- the process for legal recognition of gender in Western Australia to be simplified
- Western Australian birth certificates to have an X gender marker, in line with most of the rest of Australia

Measures

The Greens (WA) will encourage and support legislation and actions that:

- educate for understanding and acceptance and provide, within the education system, age-appropriate information about the diversity of gender identities (see also The Greens (WA) [Education](#) policy)
- provide community awareness programs that lead to a greater understanding of the diversity of gender identities
- provide accurate information, appropriate referrals and counselling for individuals, parents and carers of young people, in relation to diverse gender issues
- provide adequate funding for services to support and protect people of diverse gender, in particular suicide prevention, peer support, coming out, counselling, health and housing programs
- fund and support organisations that provide information, support and referrals for transgender¹ and intersex² people and people with gender dysphoria³
- recognise that gender diversity should not be a factor in adoption, fostering, child custody rulings or access to artificial insemination, sperm donation and in vitro fertilisation programs
- make refuges safe for people of diverse genders and oppose discrimination against transgender women in accessing women's refuges (see also The Greens (WA) [Women](#) policy)
- improve and broaden the police, health services' and prison services' knowledge of and sensitivity towards diverse gender issues and further develop liaison between these services and transgender people (see also The Greens (WA) [Justice](#) policy)

- replace the state Gender Reassignment Board with an organisation better suited to the issues, and remove surgery/hormone treatment as a requirement for the legal gender change
- ensure that intersex and transgender people, without undertaking surgeries, are able to alter their sex on all official documents, consistent with how they live and identify, and irrespective of their marital status
- ensure permanent medical intervention of a cosmetic nature for people born with an intersex condition, is made only when they are able to make the decision for themselves
- ensure that governments and their agencies consult with communities and representative groups of diverse genders on the development of policies and programs that affect them
- remove all exceptions in the Equal Opportunity Act that permit discrimination against people on the basis of their gender identity
- ensure that if transgender people are imprisoned, that they are committed to the correct prison for their lived and identified gender

(See also the Australian Greens [Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity & Intersex](#) policy)

Glossary

1. **Transgender** is an umbrella term that describes people whose gender identity or expression does not match the sex they were assigned at birth.
2. **Intersex** people are born with physical sex characteristics that are more diverse than binary definitions for male or female bodies.
3. **Gender dysphoria** is the distress a person feels due to a mismatch between their gender identity and their sex assigned at birth.

Gender Identity policy ratified by The Greens (WA) in 2020

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