

We The People
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Good Day to you. I love old steam trains and the sound they make, the rush of steam, clanging bells and the rhythmic sounds of iron wheels on steel tracks. There is something timeless about old trains and the vast system of tracks they run on taking people to faraway places. Now as romantic as that may be I think that mankind is shuddering like a runaway train and has derailed common sense and moral purpose. Put simply the world has jumped the tracks where good is seen as bad and bad is seen as good. By any measure mankind is nuts and unfortunately we are in charge of a human railway with bad switching and derailments a plenty. If the government is the rails then we the people are the sleepers and mad Max is in charge of the switching and signals. In keeping with this analogy I am here to advise you **the crazy train** has finally arrived at the station.

In my world there are simply two genders being male and female and common sense supports this notion. The Engineer is the Federal Minister for Youth and Sport, Richard Colbeck who has supported guidelines drawn up by the Human Rights Commission in partnership with Sport Australia and the Coalition of Major Professional and Participation Sports, which calls for people to be able to play in the sporting team of **their identified gender, rather than their birth gender.**

Senator Colbeck said he hoped the new rules would help tens of thousands of sports clubs across the country to be more inclusive and therefore boost the number of people playing sport. But would being forced to compete with biological males mean females would be less likely to want to participate. The federal Sex Discrimination Act 42.1 allows a person born male to be excluded from women's competitions where and I quote, **"strength, stamina or physique of competitors is relevant"**. The Guidelines refer to this provision but at the same time put strong pressure on sporting bodies and clubs to allow men who identify as women to compete against women. The Guidelines also warn that it may amount to discrimination to ask for any documentation such as a birth certificate to show a man identifying as a woman is legally recognised as a woman. However, this does not apply to sporting activities for children under 12 years and the Guidelines say they can compete as whatever gender they identify as.

What injuries could be inflicted upon females competing against males who have superior strength and stamina? How will females fare in sports such as AFL, rugby league, rugby union, water polo, martial arts, wrestling and so on, when competing against males who identify as female. In vigorous contact sports males can be put in direct physical contact with females in tackles and ball contests which can lead to inadvertent or deliberate sexual contact, so should females be forced to accept this. Will the Minister be responsible for any injuries or sexual assaults that result from forced mixed sporting competitions. The Guidelines say males who identify as females should be able to use the female showers, toilets and change rooms if they so desire. With the increased incidence of student on student sexual assaults in schools, how can Minister Colbeck justify the increased risk of sexual assault by placing boys and girls together in shared toilets, change rooms and showers. How does the Minister plan to mitigate the risk of sexual assault created by deliberately placing biological males in these intimate, closed female spaces. Will the minister for moral derailment be held liable for financial damages sought by anyone who has been assaulted in these circumstances.

Put simply the crazy train has arrived at the station and I for one am getting off and catching a bus to the whistle-stop town of Sanity.

Until next time this is Kent Bayley
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