

## **SCECLB53 Graham Lusty**

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Senedd Cymru | Welsh Parliament

Y Pwyllgor Biliau Diwygio | Reform Bill Committee

Bil Senedd Cymru (Rhestrau Ymgeiswyr Etholiadol) | Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) Bill

Ymateb gan Graham Lusty | Evidence from Graham Lusty

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**What are your views on the general principles of the Bill and the need for legislation to deliver the Welsh Government's stated policy objective (to make the Senedd a more effective legislature by ensuring it is broadly representative of the gender make-up of the population)?**

The legislation is not required. Candidates should be elected on their ability to carry out the wishes of those who vote for them, and should not be a candidate due to manipulation of the process by introducing legislation to deny other candidates the opportunity

**What are your views on the system of enforcement and potential sanctions for non-compliance proposed in the Bill?**

It's illegal, individuals can decide or not whether to disclose their gender and should not be fearful of any sanctions or restrictions

**Are there any potential barriers to the implementation of the Bill's provisions? If so, what are they, and are they adequately taken into account in the Bill and the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum and Regulatory Impact Assessment?**

**Are any unintended consequences likely to arise from the Bill?**

Definition of a woman

**What are your views on the Welsh Government's assessment of the financial and other impacts of the Bill?**

Wasted public finances

**What are your views on the balance between the information contained on the face of the Bill and what is left to subordinate legislation? Are the powers for Welsh Ministers to make subordinate legislation appropriate?**

The legislation is not required. The process will be legally challenged if a male candidate identifying themselves as a woman is not allowed to stand.

What is the criteria for the denial?

**Do you have any views on matters relating to the legislative competence of the Senedd including compatibility with the European Convention on Human Rights?**

I believe that it's your human right to have the absolute control on what they need or want to disclose

**Do you have any views on matters related to the quality of the legislation, or to the constitutional or other implications of the Bill?**

No veiw

**Are there any other issues that you would like to raise about the Bill and the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum or any related matters?**

No

**Anything else?**

Legislation is a nest of worms that will detract from the core issue which should be representing the community not some arbitrary list