1. The Member for Traegar, Mr Robbie Katter MP, introduced the Anti-Discrimination (Right to Use Gender-Specific Language) Amendment Bill 2018 as a Private Member’s Bill on 19 September 2018.
2. The Explanatory Notes to the Bill indicate that the primary objectives of the Bill are to protect an individual’s right to use traditional gender based language and to protect businesses and other organisations from disadvantage in the provision of facilities and services that exclusively recognise gender as either male or female.
3. The Bill seeks to amend the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991* to:
	* prohibit direct and indirect discrimination on the basis of the use of gender-specific language (unless the language is sexual harassment, unlawful discrimination or intended to offend, humiliate or intimidate another person); and
	* prevent a person from treating an entity that provides services or facilities that do not accommodate persons who are not, or do not identify as, male or female, less favourably than another entity that accommodates such persons.
4. The Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee tabled its report on the Bill (Report No. 31) on 19 March 2019 and recommended that the Bill not be passed.
5. Cabinet decided to oppose the Private Member’s Bill – Anti-Discrimination (Right to Use Gender-Specific Language) Amendment Bill 2018.
6. *Attachments*
* [Private Member’s Bill – Anti-Discrimination (Right to Use Gender-Specific Language) Amendment Bill 2018](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes for the Private Member’s Bill](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Report No. 31 of the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee on Anti-Discrimination (Right to Use Gender-Specific Language) Amendment Bill 2018](Attachments/Report31.PDF)