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Protecting the rights of women in sports

Christian advocacy group FamilyVoice Australia is urging Federal Parliament to support a bill sponsored by Senator Claire Chandler that would protect the rights of women participating in sports.

“It’s time for politicians to stop playing games with gender, and recognise the binary nature of humanity,” said FamilyVoice gender spokesman David d’Lima.

“Biological males who want to be treated like women are treating others unfairly, with government approval,” he said.

Senator Chandler introduced her Save Women’s Sport Bill into Federal Parliament yesterday, to protect the rights of women. The bill would allow truly single-sex sports by not permitting biological men to compete against biological women.

“The federal government has no business trying to give rights to one group at the expense of another,” David d’Lima said. “Law banning biologically single-sex sports gives advantage to a tiny minority of players who will end up dominating women,” he said.

Last year FamilyVoice hosted a webinar with Walt Heyer, who for many years lived and played sport as a woman – but deeply regrets the damage he did to women, when playing female tennis in college.

He never lost a match, although he was at least two decades older than his competitors, and he “ruined” the tournament for all the women involved.

“Walt told our webinar that women were ‘absolutely unable to compete’ and he did not realise how this impacted them emotionally and psychologically,” David d’Lima said.

“We call for bipartisan support to measures that will protect the integrity of women’s sports.”

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