



New Zealand House of Representatives
Te Whare Māngai o Aotearoa

Petitions Committee

Komiti Whiriwhiri Take Petihana

54th Parliament
April 2026

Petition of Tu Chapman: Stop the gender bill by NZ First

The Petitions Committee has considered the petition of Tu Chapman, which was presented to the House on 16 December 2025 by Mariameno Kapa-Kingi. The petition was signed by 10,602 people, and requests:

That the House of Representatives order that the proposed members' bill Legislation (Definitions of Woman and Man) Amendment Bill, or any bill that is the same in substance, may not be introduced.

The Legislation (Definitions of Woman and Man) Amendment Bill is a member's bill in the name of Jenny Marcroft.

Between April 2025 and April 2026, the bill was entered into the members' bills ballot three times and withdrawn from the ballot twice. We received a written submission from the petitioner suggesting that because the bill had been withdrawn, the petitioner did not wish to make a formal submission.¹ However, the bill had been re-entered into the ballot, and it was subsequently drawn from the ballot and introduced to the House on 2 April 2026.

We do not think that it is the role of the Petitions Committee to determine whether a bill can be introduced. Members will have the opportunity to consider whether the bill warrants further parliamentary attention when it is debated in the House.

We have no further matters to bring to the attention of the House. We recommend that the House take note of our report.

¹ The petitioner's submission can be found on the [Parliament website](#).

Presented to the House of Representatives
by Greg O'Connor, Chairperson