

I-express

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Further information for my i-express account.

My incarceration has been difficult and challenging because when I entered prison in 2007, it was a very different system in which LGBTI people were hated with such passion that just looking at another prisoner the wrong way or "peeping on" could get one kashed. Prisoners and staff were avoidant towards me and even sometimes staff incited violence towards me. This centre is my 6th centre in 10 years and only here have I now found solace and fortitude from bullying.

The Queensland prison system has changed so much since 2007 towards transgender women and new staff must embrace our identity and can't refer to us with male pronouns or words.

We get make-up, bras and panties, and we get our female alias listed on all official records but we can't yet go to the Women's side.

Usually, the centre prohibits intimate sexual relationships between a transwoman prisoner and a non-trans prisoner for a number of reasons:

- 1) for the safety of the transwoman because if the other prisoners believe something sexual is involved they become very jealous and even may become violent; male prisoners generally expect any partner of a transwoman to ~~share~~ "share" her sexually.
- 2) to prevent rape, or even pack-rape.
- 3) because during the feminisation phase, many transwomen are emotionally unstable and experience hormonal swings which make them easy to manipulate and exploit which is bad in a place full of predators.
- 4) male prisoners are very childish in Queensland.
- 5) numerous staff get upset with "pooferij."

Prudoms are not available in Queensland prisons but even if they were, engaging in sexual activity with prisoners can result in rape or pack-rape and once prisoners believe a person is available for sex, that causes intense pressure to "put out" to everyone. There are gays here who have been "shared around" with hundreds of men and once they have a reputation they are obligated to "put out" to anyone who wants it; I know about transwomen who've been "gang-banged" when a consensual sex-act with one man went sour.

Naturally, considering we are the closest thing to a natal female that most of these men will, or have, access for years or over decades. About 80% of men in Queensland prisons have some background in domestic and/or sexual violence towards females.

And, as usual, the 'blakes' are never the sluts, only those who "take it" are sluts. The general attitude is that only 'the female' in a sexual relationship can be called a slut and never "the man" (also known as the "top").

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For me, I would love a cuddle-buddy only
but then I would get asked for something
sexual because I look like a natural female and
men in here can't usually stop at cuddles only.

So I exist within a bubble.

No affection whatsoever.

I often feel so alone.

When I'm finally released, I know I will find my sweetheart.

That's all for now.

Love Natalie.