

STATEMENT FROM THE AUTHORS OF 'LOSING SIGHT OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS'

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Abstract

This statement notes the contribution made by Lisa Mackenzie to the 2019 article 'Losing sight of women's rights: the unregulated introduction of gender self-identification as a case study of policy capture in Scotland' in *Scottish Affairs*, 28 (3).

Keywords: sex; gender self-identification; policy capture; Equality Act 2010; women's rights

We are grateful to have the opportunity to put it on the public record that our paper in Volume 28 (3) of *Scottish Affairs* (Murray & Hunter Blackburn, 2019) has a third author. Shortly before the journal proofs were submitted to EUP, Lisa Mackenzie removed her name from the paper to address a perceived conflict of interest on the part of her then employer. Whilst it is not possible to reinstate her authorship on the Version of Record, we are pleased to be able to acknowledge Lisa's substantial contribution to the paper here.

That this article attracted such substantial interest, with 8,123 downloads within three months of publication, demonstrates the need for academic publishing in this area from multiple perspectives, to inform policy and law

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making. We are committed to open discussion of the evidence and arguments presented in the paper, and continue to stand ready to engage with any specific points submitted to us in the conventional way.

Reference

Kath Murray and Lucy Hunter Blackburn (2019). Losing sight of women's rights: the unregulated introduction of gender self-identification as a case study of policy capture in Scotland, *Scottish Affairs*, 28 (3), pp. 262–289.