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To: [Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee](#)
Subject: Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018
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To Whom it may concern,

It has been brought to my attention that the Labor Government has announced that it will adopt the Queensland Law Reform Commission's recommended Abortion Decriminalisation Bill.

I am writing to inform you of my great concern over this Abortion Decriminalisation Bill, and I ask that you would please consider the following facts before you vote on this Bill in parliament:

- Full decriminalisation of Abortion would mean that Abortion would be legal in Queensland for any reason at all, effectively until the moment of birth (this includes sex selection abortion)
- Full decriminalisation of abortion would mean there would be more harm physically and mentally on women such as:
 - Infection
 - Haemorrhage
 - Infertility
 - Breast Cancer
 - Depression
 - Other mental illnesses
 - Suicide
 - Attempted suicide
 - Drug and Alcohol Abuse
 - Sexual Promiscuity
 - General Poor Self Esteem

All of the above points have overwhelming evidence, so there is no denying that these outcomes will affect our society in a tragic way.

- The Decriminalisation of abortion would also mean that doctors with conscientious objections would have to refer their patient seeking an abortion to another doctor who will be able to facilitate her request, thus making the referring doctor complicit to the outcome.

So it is with the above possible outcomes of this Abortion Decriminalisation Bill passing that I am asking you to please vote against this bill in our Queensland Parliament.

You are in such an incredible position to not only make Queensland, but all of Australia a healthy, happy and thriving place for all of its citizens to live.

Please use your vote wisely as you consider the outcome of what this bill could mean for our nation, for this generation and generations to come.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

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