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To: Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee

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Chairperson

Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee

Dear Chairperson

On Wednesday 22 August, the Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018 was tabled in the Queensland Parliament.

We appreciate the opportunity to make a submission and appeal that this proposed bill should be rejected outright for the following reasons.

1. 62% of Queenslanders agree that the unborn at 23 weeks is a person with rights, according to a YouGov Galaxy poll in August 2018. The law must protect the right to life of unborn

babies. It is shameful that Labor wants to ignore the fundamental human rights of the most defenceless members of the human family.

- 2. Full decriminalisation of abortion would mean abortion would be legal in Queensland for any reason at all, effectively until the moment of birth. Yet only 6% of Queenslanders support this extreme position, according to a YouGov Galaxy Research poll commissioned by Cherish Life Queensland and the Australian Family Association in August 2018.
- 3. Labor's Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018 would allow abortion on demand up to 22 weeks for any reason. It is a grave moral wrong to take the life of an innocent child, and for the law to allow this to happen for any reason is abhorrent.

Therefore I make my appeal to the committee that the Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018 be rejected outright.

Yours sincerely

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