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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 the honourable members presiding over the inquiry into the "Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018",

Greetings!

I thank you for doing what at times must feel like a relatively thankless job - working tirelessly on our behalf to manage the affairs of our great State of Queensland.

In the matter of the Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018 I must express my strong opposition to the proposed legislation. Being the father of 4 young children (10, 8, 7 and 4 y.o.) I remember keenly the ultrasounds showing the unborn life moving inside my wife's womb in the early stages of pregnancy and then later as the pregnancies advanced, feeling the young lives inside her move and kick. My personal conviction is that life begins at conception and that abortion amounts to nothing less than murder, which is why I believe abortion has resided in Queensland legislation in the Criminal Code for more than the last 100 years. There are many voices advocating for the "needs" of women to have an abortion, but who is advocating for the rights of the unborn children whose lives are taken in this process?

I have signed the Petition against this proposed legislation, but wanted to take the opportunity to express my concern and opposition directly to you the committee of inquiry.

God bless.

Regards,

Matthew Amos