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To the Committee Secretary

In this Submission we request Labor's Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018 not be accepted for the following reasons:

Unborn babies have life and all life is precious and should be valued. (The cells only divide to form a baby because life has entered them.) Our laws should honor and value life from the cradle to the grave and not destroy it. 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 ghastly and unthinkable.

The unborn cannot speak for themselves. An honorable society speaks for them and protects them. Our Law must always protect those innocent and without a voice.

This extreme bill is anti-women because it allows sex selection abortion. This is gender discrimination, in which unborn female babies are killed for the "crime" of being a girl. YouGov Galaxy poll in August 2018 show only 8% of Queenslanders support sex-selective abortion, including 5% of women, with 83% opposed.

Evidence shows that up to 1 in 5 women suffer serious prolonged psychological trauma after abortion even into their old age, such as depression and anxiety. The relief most women experience immediately after an abortion is usually temporary (Real Choices Australia – www.realchoices.org.au). Post-abortive women are almost 6 times more likely to commit suicide than women who give birth (British Medical Journal, 1997 – www.bmj.com/content/313/7070/1431). The facts of abortion must be disclosed to women so they can make an informed decision.

Labor's bill ignores the right of women to know the real risk factors of abortion.

Labor's Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018 is unnecessary, as abortion in Queensland is quite accessible, with 14,000 occurring each year. There is no need to decriminalise abortion, as NO woman has ever been convicted for having an abortion. Abortion remaining in the Criminal Code serves as a necessary deterrent to doctors and as a moral compass for all. It instructs society about the grave consequence of an abortion – a life is destroyed and a woman is harmed.

Please vote NO to this abhorrent Bill.

Thank you

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