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To: [Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee](#)
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To Members of the Queensland Labour Party

We wish to express our dismay and strong opposition to the abhorrent Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018.

We believe in the sanctity of life. It is morally wrong to kill an innocent life, and are appalled that the Queensland Government is even considering such a proposal. We are both retired nurses, and one of us is a retired midwife. We took a vow to preserve life, not kill life under any circumstances. Since some babies are viable at 22 weeks gestation, (we know that 23 weeks is the recognisable point of viability in Australia), this proposal is nothing short of murder. In fact, we recall a recent case in Australia where a man murdered a pregnant women, and he was charged with a count of two murders. He was *not* acquitted. We seem to have double standards in this country.

According to a YouGov Galaxy Poll in August 2018, the vast majority of Australians oppose abortion. Only 6% of Australians support abortion of a foetus greater than 23 weeks gestation, and of that percentage, 3% were women. A huge 76% opposed.

With regard to the abortion of a foetus on the grounds of the sex of a foetus, one's mind immediately goes to the mass abortions that have taken place in China and the problems this is now causing 'down the track'. What crime has that innocent babe committed? I cannot imagine any nurse happily participating in the procedure necessary to kill/get rid of, this foetus. Only 8% of Australians support abortion on the grounds of sex discrimination. Hardly a majority. Furthermore, Australia currently seems to be proud of the fact that we don't discriminate for reasons of **sex**, colour, religion etc. Are our unborn future Australians offered no protection?

Since a mere 6% only of Australians support late term abortions, one has to wonder why the Labour Party is even discussing this issue. It is such extreme legislation.

14,000 babies are aborted in Queensland alone, annually, yet not one woman has been convicted, despite the present laws. The current laws at least draw a line morally and the majority of doctors are deterred as a result.

Should this bill somehow be enacted, where do medical staff stand when, for religious and/or moral reasons they object? What happens in hospitals that have religious affiliations? What about *their* rights?

Thank you for taking the time to consider our objections

Yours sincerely

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