From:To:Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention CommitteeSubject:Submission against Abortion.Date:Friday, 31 August 2018 4:14:42 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

Dear Committee Members,

As a mother myself, & one who had an unplanned pregnancy, I would like to give my opinion regarding this topic.

As I just said, I was shattered to discover I was pregnant with my 4<sup>th</sup> child. I was married, with 3 young children but my husband had been in & out of work for several months & money was very tight. I had done a couple of little jobs to help financially, but we had struggled greatly since we emigrated from the UK. I have to say this happened many years ago now.

I just thought I *couldn't* have another baby. We had a small home & income was very up & down. As it happened my husband, was not at all concerned, but for a while I certainly WAS!

Well, we did have our baby, & he has been the greatest blessing to us. I know that in reality, had I decided to go the way of abortion, I NEVER could have gone through with it. Killing a baby in the womb, well to even contemplate it fills me with dread.

Yes, we struggled, but we made do & coped, & our son (now 39) has brought MUCH joy to our family.

Babies are human from the moment of conception, as shown by many studies & now with 3 D & 4 D ultrasounds, the pictures are SO clear. These tiny beings, nestled in safety in the womb are just little people, waiting to make their entrance onto this earth.

I know what it is like to worry & stress, & am sure many of the young mums-to-be, feel the same.

In my opinion, pregnancy counselling & HELP would be a far better option than killing one's child. The grief, & guilt following such an act, I know from many articles I have read, often takes a lifetime, to assuage, if ever.

Add to that the fact that there are <u>thousands</u> of couples in Australia who *long* to have a child/children of their own to love & nourish. The waiting list for these with hurting hearts & empty arms stretches into years, if EVER!

Why spend money on abortion, (murder), when so many babies could be happily adopted to those who would love them & give them a good home???

Please carefully consider my views in this matter.

Sincerely, Ann Pitt.

Kathleen Ann Pitt.