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Dear Committee

This is probably not the correct format for a submission. However as time is running out I will just make a short comment.

“Abortion of a human foetus at whatever stage of development is still the extinguishing of a young life who will never know the joy of seeing a sunset or of perhaps contributing to the benefit of society as maybe another Mozart.

Where does the seed of life come from? No one knows. So it is not anyones right to extinguish it. Life is a precious gift.

In the case of unwanted babies, why not encourage the mother to have the child, pay her to continue with the pregnancy and have the child adopted.

I have never understood why murdering the foetus is the only solution.

There are many many families in Australia who wish to adopt children for many reasons. It is difficult to adopt in Australia, so why not relax the red tape and encourage adoption of Australian babies?? Welfare can still oversee the child and its circumstances for the first few years if they wish to follow up the family.

It would not be difficult to have a small holding facility at a maternity hospital, where the babies could be kept until adoption.

I was a midwife in training during the 1960's and babies given up for adoption were kept in the maternity ward nursery for a short time, until adoptive parents came to collect the baby. It was an exciting time for the parents to be, and lovely for the baby to be going home dressed in new clothes and wrapped in a new shawl.

This could be staffed in the main by volunteers, who have been vetted, maybe past nurses or older women who have had experience raising children.

It would be a world first facility and would not involve the gruesome messy procedure of aborting a baby. Abortion is infanticide, it IS murder, and all avenues to preserve life should be considered.

Thank you for considering my submission to the committee.

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