

The Committee Secretary,
Health, Communities, Disability Services
and Domestic and Family Violence
Prevention Committee,
Parliament House,
Brisbane, QLD 4000



I, Margherita Baker, object to the proposed Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018. First and foremost I see this as an impediment to Family Violence Prevention – the taking of an innocent human life. Pregnancy involves not only the body of the woman but also the body of another human being.

It is considered a criminal act to wilfully end the life of a pregnant woman. Convicted persons in these cases have been handed two life sentences as at least two lives have been taken, not one. Condemning one who has ended the life of a pregnant woman, condemning domestic violence yet, at the same time, decriminalising and promoting abortion is contradictory to say the least.

Women have the right to be properly informed of all possible consequences of abortion. They also need to have access to alternative actions and resources that offer physical, emotional and practical support in pregnancy and birth and if necessary offering alternate living arrangements for the child in utero.

The proposed bill does not protect the babies who may have survived an abortion. It puts baby girls at risk from sex-selected abortions. It also forces hospitals to end a life and removes their ability to conscientiously object/deny the procedure. Health professionals committed to saving lives should not be penalised. This must never happen.

I would appreciate your response to these matters.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Baker".

Margherita Baker