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To whom it may concern

We are writing to urge you to vote down the Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018.

The laws of Australia currently protect all people regardless of sex, ability, where they live, age or size. For example, a toddler can't protect himself with strength or voice but we would surely protect him from anyone wishing to harm or kill him. That protection includes those situations where the child needs protection from his own mother who is unable to care for him properly. If a mother is unable or unwilling to protect and care for a baby, the state steps in and takes him from her, for that baby's protection. That baby's life is precious.

When that baby is yet unborn he/she is a little smaller and in a different place. He/She is still in need of the protection of the state when his own mother is unable or unwilling to care for him.

Many are up in arms about phraseology recently used in parliament that they link to the atrocities surrounding the genocide of the [REDACTED], yet those very same people now argue that women should have the right to determine the makeup of the human race by eliminating the potentially very happy and full valuable life of those they do not want. A contradiction if ever there was one!!.

Is it really the mother's choice whether her baby should live or die? Our laws certainly don't give mothers that choice when they are dealing with their 2 year old's tantrums! We fail to understand how it is that a woman can justify the right to kill a helpless baby as being a 'choice about her body' when it obviously involves another living being. At what point would you protect a vulnerable person from those wishing to harm him or her? Does it matter how old a person is, or where that person is, or whether they are male or female.

Some people debate the stage that life begins. Is it at conception, or when there is a heartbeat, or when the baby could survive premature birth, or at birth? The Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018 allows for terminations to take place right up until birth. But we cannot understand how it is that a baby can be killed at 8 ½ months gestation but just ½ a month later after birth, a doctor (or anyone else for that matter) would be prosecuted for murder under the law if he would take the life of the baby. It makes no sense whatsoever. We wonder where does this sudden moral piety about the life of a child come from just because we can hear it and see it in the flesh.

Please consider and vote down this bill.

Thanking you

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