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Committee Secretary  
Health, Community, Disability Services and  
Domestic and Family Violence  
Prevention Committee  
Parliament House  
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Dear Committee

**Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018.**

Thank you for the opportunity to present this Submission.

I would like the Termination of Pregnancy Bill to be rejected.

I am speaking on behalf of the babies who won't have a chance to voice their thoughts and opinions.

I am perplexed the discussion of abortion of babies to full term come under this Committee umbrella which includes **Domestic and Family Violence Prevention**.

I visualise and see the abortion of a baby as a violent act.

With respect, the Attorney General and Minister for Justice introduced the Bill. She was born, as have all our elected Members of Queensland Parliament, and you on this Committee. You all were born, have a life, and now positions of great responsibility to make very wise decisions. These babies need to be born and given this same hope, to grow up and contribute so much to our communities, just as you are. This is the shedding of innocent blood and that doesn't just happen without enormous consequences.

I find it very sad that we can substitute words in Legislation to numb down the impact and severity of what the termination procedure actually does.

If a baby is actually born and a medical professional causes it harm there would be outrage at the actions of the medical professional. Yet that same harm can be done to the baby whilst still in the uterus and it suddenly gets changed from a criminal offence to the 'health' of the mother.

How would these full term 'baby terminations' be recorded on the Births Deaths and Marriages file?

Our natural default is to cherish, care, love, help, support and respect life. How many times can medical professionals and their team abort babies without it impacting on their mental health. And how many great medical professional and associated staff will leave?

You don't have to copy cat the other States of Australia who have put this Legislation in place. You can stand up for our Baby Queenslanders and make a wise decision to reject the Termination of Pregnancy Bill, and use that time and money for greater support services in the areas of need the Government already know exists.

From Kaye Stuart

