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Dear Members of the Qld Health Committee,

I'm writing to urge you all to vote down the Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018.

In presenting this Bill, the ALP is wanting to make abortion a health issue rather than a criminal one.

Abortion, in the vast majority of cases, involves the illegal killing of innocent children in the womb.

The procedure is a major health risk to the child should it happen to survive.

It is also a major health risk to the reproductive system of the woman as well as her mental health.

In a recent survey of QLD voters on this issue, 75% agree that abortion harms womens health.

The Bill allows for abortion up until birth for ANY reason, including sex selection. In a recent survey of QLD voters on this issue, 76% oppose late-term abortion beyond 23 weeks and 83% oppose sex-selective abortion.

Everyone is entitled to informed consent when faced with ANY kind of medical procedure. This Bill says nothing about informed consent and offers NO penalties for clinics that don't follow normal informed consent recommendations. In a recent survey of QLD voters on this issue, 85% support informed consent. Also, 88% agree that independent counselling should be offered to the women seeking an abortion and 79% agree that a 2-3 day cooling off period should be applicable.

There is overwhelming resistance by QLD voters to ANY relaxation of the current abortion law provisions.

Yours sincerely,

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