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To the Health Committee on Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018

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Dear members of the Health Committee,

With regards to the current proposed bill on the changes to the Law on Abortion in Queensland, I would like to make a strong personal objection to this bill.

We currently have a law that provides protection for both the health of the mothers and thire unborn babies, which I feel would be significantly let down with the new bill.

The proposed bill **could encourage some women/mothers** (especially those in minor ethnic groups who have immigrated here) **to choose to abort for sex selection reasons**, **thereby harming their own health and leaving them open to potential abuse of power from family members who may pressure the pregnant woman**.

In a state that values the lives of prematurely born babies and their families, using the utmost professional skills of practitioners and every effort and resources poured into saving these lives, it is **simply inhumane that the proposed bill asks for permission and acquiescence of medical professionals to agree to end lives till full term, not save them.** Instead, there should be more counselling and support for expectant mums and their families that face the dilemma about abortions.

The polls suggest that only 16% of the voters polled agree to abortion beyond 23 weeks, and only 6% of people agree that abortion should be allowed up to birth. Hence, THERE IS STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE CURRENT STATUS ON THE ABORTION LAW BEING REVISED!

I am asking for the committee to take a serious and critical view of the proposed bill, and instead act for human rights, including that of women's health, unborn babies, the rights of fathers as well as uphold the democracy in QLD, by responding to the views of the majority of Queenslanders.

Yours sincerely,

Yoomi Kim.

