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Subject: For the rights and dignity of women, I must oppose the abortion "reform"
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Re: For the rights and dignity of women, I must oppose the abortion "reform"

Dear Communities Health,

I am writing this submission because I believe the so-called abortion reforms in Queensland are extreme and have no place in our 21st century society. Firstly, I cannot believe the Parliament would consider opening the door to late-term abortion and sex-selective abortion. These notions have nothing to do with women's health care. When it comes down to it, this process is simply the disposal of an unborn child for reasons of personal preference, convenience or coercion. Unborn babies have rights, and the proposed legislation tramples all over those rights. If our legislators fail to stand up for the voiceless in our society, who will? I am also concerned that doctors would be forced to be a part of the process, even against their conscience. And finally, I believe that it is unconstitutional to criminalise the activity of those who wish to help vulnerable women. By removing any alternative voices, women who may already feel pressured into an abortion could, as a result, feel utterly compelled. The Termination of Pregnancy Bill does not even deserve to be debated, much less passed into law. For the sake of decency, and on behalf of Queensland's unborn children, this legislation should be soundly rejected.

Sincerely,
Ashwin Acharya

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