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**To:** [REDACTED]  
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Dear Sirs

My name is Winifred Beston [REDACTED]

I wish to express my objections to the Termination of Pregnancy Bill now being considered by the Qld Parliament. My main concerns are as follows:

- . The Bill makes no mention of independent counselling for a woman contemplating abortion, nor of post abortion counselling by the person or persons performing the procedure. I believe that these services are essential since any decision by a woman to terminate a pregnancy may seriously impact her mental and physical health in years to come. I would also recommend that the woman be allowed a certain cooling off period between arranging the termination and actually having the procedure. During this period, the actual procedure to be followed should be made clear to her. The Bill makes no mention of any of the above recommendations.
- . The Bill allows for termination of pregnancy on the grounds of sex selection. The child's sex alone surely cannot impact on the health of the mother therefore I strongly object to a healthy child being aborted on these grounds.
- . The Bill allows for termination of pregnancy at any time including up to birth on the recommendation of two doctors. The Bill does not make any provision for any child which survives a late-term abortion.
- . Should the Bill become law in Queensland, it follows that the public hospitals will be made available for terminations at no charge. This would greatly increase the burden on our health system.
- . Finally, I would like to make it clear that, should this Bill become Law, I will not be supporting the Labor Party in Queensland at the next election.

Yours faithfully

Win Beston

3 September 2018