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**Subject:** Submission to Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018

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Dear Committee,

I would like to highlight my concern with the proposed Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018. If passed, the bill will make it much easier to kill unborn children in this State - this cannot be morally reconciled in my mind. I would refer the Committee to the recent YouGov Galaxy Poll from August 2018 which indicates that a majority of Queenslanders feel the same way as I do about this.

I have highlighted more specific problems with this bill below:

- The bill allows for DIY abortions [Part 3, S10]
- The bill allows for abortion up until birth for any reason.
- The second doctor who needs to sign off on the procedure after 22 weeks need not see the woman requesting termination [Part 2, S6]
- The bill compels complicity from medical practitioners with a conscientious objection [Part 2, S8]
- Under Part 4 [Safe Access Zones] it may be considered legitimate to report a heavily pregnant woman walking past a termination clinic, or a mother with her baby walking past a termination clinic, as they may deter a woman from entering the premises.
- The bill would allow for sex-selection abortion.
- The bill allows no say for fathers who wish to keep their children, but conversely, if a mother wishes to keep her child and a father does not, he must still pay child support.
- The bill says nothing about informed consent women need to know the possible impacts, and what the process actually involves. This new law does not offer any penalties for clinics that do not follow proper informed consent recommendations

My recommendation (which I also believe to be the recommendation of a majority of Queenslanders - refer YouGov Galaxy Poll) is to reject this bill completely.

Sincerely yours,		

David Price