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**RE Submission; Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018  
(Part 2, Termination after 22 weeks)**

I am particularly concerned about the section of the bill relating to termination of pregnancy after 22 weeks. A number of medical practitioners support a baby can survive outside the foetus from close to this time, and a foetus is fairly developed. However, there are few provisions for either unborn baby or the carrying mother in ensuring this procedure is necessary and in best interests. Only the agreement of two practitioners is necessary, no counselling is needed (which means information given is not comprehensive or designed to inform about all potential consequences, but entirely designed to support only one decision) and these practitioners are likely to be supportive.

Particularly for late term abortions I believe they should be available only if life saving, there should be more information and protections overall, and more counselling for the woman.

I don't believe sex selection abortions should be available. What does this say about our approach to humanity as a whole? Surely this has to be considered as sufficiently dangerous territory.

Other voices:

I understand polls have shown that QLDers as a whole aren't comfortable with this bill. I personally know of people who have had abortions who don't even agree. I have known women consumed with regret.

One of my friends, not quite as emotional but still showing how you can change your mind but never reverse your decision....She said: "I don't agree anymore. I had an abortion and it's what I did at the time, but now I've thought about it, I don't think I should have." Imagine if she had more advice, she wanted a child badly and never had one. I only meet women who have had abortions with regrets, not women who regretted having their baby despite challenges.

I hope the committee will consider it carefully in the interests of all voters, and not simply follow what appears to be the most progressive, least conservative legislative changes of the day. There is plenty of reason to tread carefully listening to all kinds of women, with a range of experiences. Consider all parties please.

Thank you  
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