

Labour's Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018 Wednesday, 5 September 2018 10:43:04 AM

## To Committee Secretary,

Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee,

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• <u>Labour's Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018</u> tells society that this form of intentional killing is morally trivial, that we as a nation who voted for such a Bill to be seen by the rest of the world as a murderous and barbaric population that has no respect for the life of a new born baby, a miracle of life, that guarantees the future for this world's existence.

• <u>Labour's Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018</u> doesn't demonstrate any concern for Queenslanders women, as such an event as an abortion can harm the physical and/or mental health of women. There is overwhelming evidence about the serious physical and emotional effects of abortion on women, and as a consequence, on their families. Physical risks include infection, haemorrhage, infertility and breast cancer. Psychological risks include depression and other mental illness, suicide, attempted suicide, drug and alcohol abuse, sexual promiscuity and general poor self-esteem. A lifetime of guilt.

• <u>Labour's Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018</u> does not protect the right to life of unborn babies. It is shameful that Labour ignores the fundamental human rights of the most defenceless members of the human family.

• <u>Labour's Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018</u> should not be given the right to legally force women, their partners, Doctors, nurses, mid-wives involved with the practice of abortions to live a life of condemnation that will return to haunt them for the rest of their lives as life's events and/or circumstances in the future will remind them of their past actions. Faces of the unborn causing emotional stress and unstableness. We as individuals and a nation should not be placed in such a predicament due to an unhuman Labour's Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018

• <u>Labour's Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018</u> will force doctors with a conscientious objection to refer a woman seeking an abortion to another doctor who will be able to facilitate her request, thus making the referring doctor complicit in the outcome. This is a violation of the right to conscientious objection, and a doctor's obligation to recommend what is the patient's best interests. This is totalitarian.

• <u>Labour's Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018</u> encourages abusive partners to force women to abort their babies, because they do not want the financial obligations of raising a child and/or they want to keep their women **December 2019**. This <u>Labour's</u> <u>Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018</u> leaves vulnerable women unprotected from coercion of the worst kind, further perpetuating the cycle of domestic violence.

Sincerely yours,

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