

Subject: Submission to the Health Committee re Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018
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Dear Members of the Health Committee,

I am positive that the Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018 will NOT be in the best interest of Queensland.

There are so many reasons why this Bill should NOT be considered but I would like to focus on these:

- 1. The bill allows for abortion up until birth for any reason. If a baby were to be born pre mature, there would be huge efforts to keep the baby alive through various forms of medical treatment. There have been criminal charges of murder brought against people who stab pregnant women in the stomach, killing their unborn babies. If a baby is born pre-maturely and dies, a death certificate has to be issued. The government and society in general legally recognise that an unborn baby is a human being with the same rights as any other citizen of Queensland. So how is it that this Bill can even propose the killing of an unborn baby right up to the day before it is born? This is just not logical and I hope that you, the members of this Health Committee will agree with the majority of Queenslanders (YouGov Galaxy Poll August 2018) that this is definitely not acceptable.**
- 2. The bill would allow for sex selection abortion. This would be totally discriminatory against either of the sexes but history would prove that it would be the females that would be discriminated against. The whole world was outraged when the 1 child policy in China resulted in the abortion and murder of countless baby girls. I hope that you, the members of this Health Committee will agree with the majority of Queenslanders (YouGov Galaxy Poll August 2018) that this is definitely not acceptable in our own state of Queensland.**
- 3. 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. I know too many women personally, who are suffering emotional and mental anguish, as a result of having had an abortion. They say that they did not realise how much that decision to end the life of their own child would affect them. They say that if they had been given more support or advice or information about the negative effects of such a decision, they would have never made such a decision and they ALL regret the choice they made to end the lives of their babies. It has been very difficult trying to help these women through the depression and emotional trauma that they experience and continue to experience.**
- 4. The bill compels complicity from medical practitioners with a conscientious objection [Part 2, S8]
Medical practitioners are in this profession to save lives so when they are forced to go against the very reason why they have chosen their profession, many of them will**

probably decide to leave the profession. This would be loss of freedom of belief.

According to the YouGov Galaxy Poll August 2018, over 60% of people are against abortion after 13 weeks. I hope that you will listen to and agree with the voice of the majority and refuse to accept the Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018 which is a barbaric and illogical proposal.

Thank you for your consideration of my submission.

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