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Submission regarding the Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018
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I write to urge the committee for Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention to reject the above Bill for the following reasons:

1. The Bill legalizes murder of perfectly healthy babies up to 22 weeks for no legitimate reason. The Bill also legalizes abortion of healthy babies from 22 weeks to birth without any legitimate reason if approved by two doctors, one of whom need not even have examined the pregnant woman. This is a heinous, criminal, immoral and unthinkable act to the large majority of Queenslanders (as clearly indicated by multiple polls).
2. The Bill facilitates coercion of women to have abortion procedures performed on them against their personal inclination by removing all pre-existing safeguards and making abortion freely available right up to birth.
3. The Bill makes no provision for the support of pregnant women in difficult straits either while they are considering their options or after they undergo an abortion. These poor women are made to feel that abortion is the only way out of their dilemma, told nothing about the negative physical, emotional and psychological effects they can expect to experience, and are left to cope with the resulting trauma on their own without any follow-up or assessment... and it is clear from the many testimonials that they don't cope at all!
4. The Bill violates the right of a pregnant mother to receive information about alternatives to abortion by preventing access by pro-life advocates to these vulnerable women within a 150m radius of abortion clinics. One can't help but wonder what purpose is served by the 150m exclusion zone proposed than that of maximizing the profits of abortion clinics and those who run them.
5. The Bill removes the right of doctors to full conscientious objection by making it illegal for them not to refer a patient seeking abortion to another doctor willing to perform the procedure.
6. The Bill violates the basic human right of every unborn baby to live and become the person he or she is destined to be. Enough precious lives are snuffed out before they can begin under existing law without further increasing Queensland's statistics of infant murder.
7. Given that the waiting list of couples desiring to adopt is growing ever longer, the government would surely be spending its time much more profitably in seeking ways to ease the existing restrictions on adoption. This would be a win-win situation for all concerned- not just the adopting couple but also the birth mother (who would be spared the physical and emotional trauma of an abortion) and, of course, the innocent baby.

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