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Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018
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Submission To: The Queensland Parliament Health Committee

Regarding: The Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018

It is my desire to submit my strongest objection to all of the proposed Abortion Bills that will be shortly considered in Parliament.

I am firmly of the belief that human life is formed and exists within an unborn child at 22 weeks gestation. I base this belief on the fact that premature babies born at 20 weeks survive. Also I have a grandson that was born premature at 31 weeks and is now a healthy 19 month old child, his potential and soul was certainly formed at the time of his birth.

What I find incongruous is that when premature babies are born, doctors and nurses and care workers do everything within their power to save that life, yet these proposed Abortion Bills legalise the *Capital Punishment* upon humans who have committed no crime.

I also object to the Bill proposing a 150 metre Safety Zone around Abortion Clinics. It is unfortunate and ironic that the threshold of the Clinic's front door is where the safety zone stops for the lives that will be terminated within the clinic.

I am not alone in holding this view. The YouGov Galaxy poll of 1,000 Queenslanders saw 60% of Queensland voters would not allow abortion after 13 weeks. The proposed bill would allow abortion up to 22 weeks for any reason. 83% of Queenslanders are opposed to sex-selective abortions; the proposed bill would legalise sex-selective abortion.

It is also bizarre that many, many loving parents are desperate to have children, but cannot, and then wait years for the opportunity to adopt a little baby. Women who really do not want to have their baby can put them up for adoption rather than taking the unborn child's life.

My argument is predominantly in favour of the young life that cannot speak up for itself. However, there is also clear evidence that abortion has serious consequences for the woman too. 1 in 5 women suffer serious, prolonged psychological trauma after abortion, including depression and anxiety. Post abortive women are also 6 times more likely to commit suicide than women who give birth (British Medical Journal).

I believe that the current laws are adequate to protect the health of any pregnant woman. In 1996 Judge McGuire ruled that an abortion was legal if there was serious risk to a women's health. Abortion is already highly accessible in Queensland, as evidenced by around 14,000 abortions annually (10,000 covered by Medicare).

As my elected representative I request that you vote against all of the Abortion Bills that have been proposed.

Kind Regards,

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