



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

Opposed – Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018

Dear Committee

I am opposed to the Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018 on the following grounds.

1. As a child of an unwanted pregnancy in 1964, I was adopted into a new family. I have gone on to lead a productive and fruitful life. Had I been an unwanted pregnancy from the 1970's onward I fear my life would have been terminated through the modern practice of abortion. Every child has the right to lead a productive life from the moment of conception.
2. I have known numerous women who have terminated pregnancy in their youth. It is their single greatest regret in later life. All were coerced and pressured by people close to them to terminate. They all lacked the strength and maturity to make an informed decision. All options should be made available to any woman wishing to terminate their pregnancy. Counselling should be compulsory.
3. As a believer in Jesus Christ, I believe that no individual has the right to terminate the life of an unborn child. No government has the authority to condone the actions of that individual.

I urge all Members to vote this Bill down. It would be a terrible thing to have the blood of tens of thousands innocent unborn on your conscience. I believe the current Queensland Criminal Code 1899; sections 224, 225 and 226 should remain unchanged.

Yours Sincerely

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