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Health Committee
Parliament House
George St, Brisbane
Qld 4000

Dear Committee

It is with deep concern that I write to relay my distress about the Labor Government's extreme abortion Bill.

It is a grave moral wrong to take the life of an innocent child, and for the law to allow this to happen for any reason is abhorrent. Labor's Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018 would allow abortion on demand up to 22 weeks for any reason.

This extreme bill would allow abortion past 22 weeks gestation until birth, even for social reasons, if two doctors approve, although the second doctor does not even have to see the woman, or look at her file – and there is no penalty if the abortion is performed without a second's doctor approval. This is absolutely shameful and inhumane. Some babies are viable outside the womb at 22 weeks gestation, even though the recognised point of viability in Australia is 23 weeks. According to a YouGov Galaxy poll in August 2018, only 6% of Queenslanders support abortion after 23 weeks, including just 3% of women, with 76% opposed. It is beyond belief that our government, that are meant to represent the views of the majority are even considering this.

Labor's bill allows sex selection abortion which is anti-women and promotes gender discrimination. Unborn female babies will be killed for the "crime" of being a girl. Only 8% of Queenslanders support sex-selective abortion, including 5% of women, with 83% opposed, so how can this bill possibly indicate the views of the people of Queensland. This data was obtained from a YouGov Galaxy poll in August 2018.

There was a time in Australian history when politicians were public servants who represented the views and convictions of the people of Australia. I sincerely hope that my concerns are taken into consideration as my opinions are formed from being a Registered nurse and a women's pastoral carer who has observed first hand the devastating psychological impact abortion has in the lives of all concerned.

Yours sincerely

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