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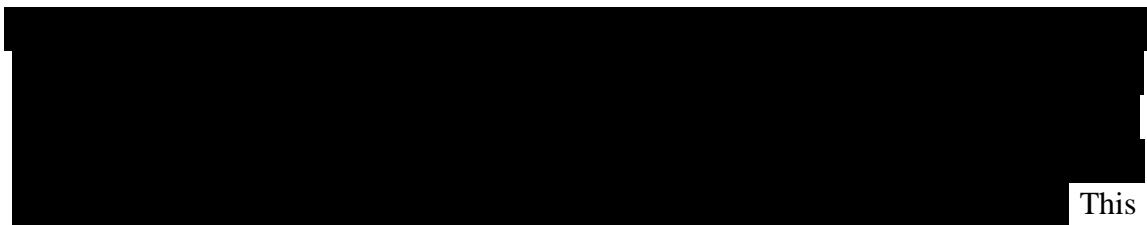
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My name is Christina Paton and I just wanted to put forward my concerns of the tabled Termination of Pregnancy Bill that would allow the abortion of perfectly healthy babies up until birth for ANY reason, including sex selection etc.

It is concerning that the bill says nothing about **informed consent**. Women need to know what the process actually involves, so they can make a conscious decision (one they know they can live with). We all have our own conscience and are accountable to that. If they do not have a complete understanding of the advancement of their baby and what is involved in aborting that baby prior, yet they gain this understanding post procedure, this can be detrimental to the women's mental health and wellbeing of which she may never recover of the guilt.

I am calling for this bill to be dismissed. **There is no humane way of ending a life**, whether of an unborn baby or of a person in the outside world; to abort...terminate....kill....is BRUTAL. There has to be brutality to result in the death of a human being - especially if they need to do it without harming the mother. Whether they are [REDACTED] - whatever way it is, it IS NOT HUMANE - it is brutal - and the older the baby gets, the firmer their bones are and therefore the harder this process is....**I really struggle with societies logic in the difference between a baby that is inside the womb, to a baby on the outside...They are still human beings with a heart that beats and feel pain....the only difference is they are silent - unseen, unheard!**



This bill also allows a woman to perform her own abortion [Part 3, S10]....

[REDACTED]

This Death is brutal, people are celebrating and fighting for what they say is the women's right. The right to abort a baby right up until birth? The right to decide "i dont really want that little boy anymore!"

We don't open our home for someone to kill our newborn or children, and we shouldn't open our womb for someone to kill our unborn baby either.

We need to stop and think, what does that really mean, how does the doctor end the life of that baby with minimal risk to the mum...We can't allow the details of this to be left hidden when making such a huge life ending decision....we hear things like fetus and abort but do we really understand what that means and what that looks like..this is a human being with a heart that beats, brain that thinks and a body that feels, so how do they physically end that life. Society should be urged to think about this and consider what our actions are resulting in....

Some people still think that a fetus is just a little blob! I just had my 4th baby and there were some complications and i got to have a scan at 10 or 11 weeks... That little boy was kicking his legs and arms all about and rolling all over the show! It was the most beautiful thing to watch! My scans are usually just the dating scan [at 5-7](#) weeks where you see their little heart beating but they are very still and then at 20 weeks when they are all squished and dont have much room to move, so when i saw this, it was just mind blowing that at such a short amount of time i could see my beautiful baby boy already enjoying life!

I know there are medical reasons that some mothers face, I have never had to face this so i can never understand how horribly painful a situation like that must be, but this bill is not addressing this situation at all, this is about perfectly healthy babies and a mother's right to end their life. Out of the 14000 abortions in QLD in a year alone, I wonder how many of them were actually due to medical reasons? My doctor so quickly and easily put to me about the option of ending my pregnancy because she has to (but just so desensitized to the life inside me)...My little boy is a perfectly healthy 8 month old right now, but I think of how many women just follow the path the doctor presents them due to fear of a possible unhealthy baby.....

14000 in QLD in a year....how much more death is on our hands if we allow this also? Maybe the government should be looking at a heavy subsidised contraceptive pill for all woman and men

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] from 16 years to prevent unwanted pregnancies and promote more awareness that if you don't want to have a baby, then this

will be the more reliable preventative action to take maybe then we wouldn't have so much death on our hands....

Other Concerns regarding this bill:

- **No support for women who are coerced to have an abortion**
- **The second doctor who needs to sign off on the procedure after 22 weeks need not see the woman requesting termination [Part 2, S6]**
- **The bill compels complicity from medical practitioners with a conscientious objection [Part 2, S8]**
- **Under Part 4 [Safe Access Zones] it may be considered legitimate to report a heavily pregnant woman walking past a termination clinic, or a mother with her baby walking past a termination clinic, as they may deter a woman from entering the premises.**
- **The bill allows no say for fathers who wish to keep their children, but conversely, if a mother wishes to keep her child and a father does not, he must still pay child support.**

Thank you for taking the time in reading this. I hope you would consider the value of life, when they can be viewed and treated as a human being and how do they differentiate when inside or outside the womb.

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