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To Whom It May Concern,

As Queensland residents, we wish to make a submission opposing the Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018.

We find this proposed Bill totally abhorrent on a number of grounds. Below are just some:

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- **Full decriminalisation of abortion would mean abortion would be legal in Queensland for any reason at all, effectively until the moment of birth.** This is murder. A person is alive from the moment of conception, not from the moment of birth. We understand that only 6% of Queenslanders support this extreme position, according to a YouGov Galaxy Research poll commissioned by cherish Life Queensland and the Australian Family Association in August 2018.
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- **The existing Queensland law against abortion has a vital role in the education of our society.** It teaches people that the act of abortion is serious, while the removal from the criminal law of any references to abortion would tell society that this form of intentional killing is morally acceptable. It is not. This would inevitably lead to the increase in the number of abortions, which 87% of Australians already think is too high (Sexton Marketing Group opinion poll, May 2005)
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- **More abortions would hurt more women. With every abortion, the toll is one dead, one wounded.** 76% of Queenslanders believe that abortion can harm the physical and/or mental health of women. There is overwhelming evidence about the serious physical and emotional effects of abortion on women, and as a consequence, on their families. Physical risks include infection, haemorrhage, infertility and breast cancer. Psychological risks include depression and other mental illness, suicide, attempted suicide, drug and alcohol abuse, sexual promiscuity and general poor self-esteem. Australian law needs to promote health and well-being of all Australians, including the unborn and women.
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- **Decriminalisation of abortion would lead to compromise in our health system.** Doctors and nurses are people who promote and protect life. If they are then required by law to end it on request for any reason, the types of people attracted to these professions is going to be compromised. It has always been our experience that midwives and Obstetricians are people who are pro-life, compassionate and caring human beings of the highest regard. We do not want to imagine the values of future medical professionals if they are required to terminate viable pregnancies up to the moment of birth.

As parents of six children, all born within the public health system, and who are going to

be the adults of the next generation, we believe that we must speak out against this horrendous proposed Bill. It is the future of our children, grandchildren and subsequent generations of Queenslanders that we seek to give a voice to.

Yours Sincerely,

Ian and Claire Murray