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Subject: Submission for the Queensland Government Health Committee's review of the Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018
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"Abortion is not healthcare because pregnancy is not a disease."

I wish to express my alarm at this bill. This is about killing growing, developing human babies in the mother's womb, not helping mothers through their pregnancies.

It also is not in line with the wishes of most Queenslanders. A YouGovGalaxy poll in August found 76% opposition to abortions after 23 weeks and 60% opposition to mid-term abortions past 13 weeks (see results at [REDACTED]). It would be good if governments did what people support instead of forcing a life-ending agenda that most people oppose.

While this bill is extremely upsetting in that it would allow the developing baby to be killed right up to the point of birth for any reason (Part 2 (6)), I also have major concerns that a doctor who opposes abortion would be forced to be complicit in the death of the developing baby by having to refer the mother to a doctor who would kill the baby (Part 2 (8)). Governments forcing someone to go against their moral conscience is something we might expect from the dictator in North Korea, but surely Queensland in 2018 should be free from such coercion.

In fact, reading the bill is like reading a manual on killing and how to force people to participate even if they don't agree with it. Late-term abortion is a particularly callous procedure (see video at [REDACTED]). In this video a medical practitioner says "Late-term abortions have a high risk of hemorrhage, lacerations and uterine perforations as well as a risk of maternal death." Not to mention the guaranteed cruel death of the baby.

I implore any reasonable person concerned with making decisions on this bill to reject it outright. It is a reprehensible piece of work promoting a culture of death. It should be replaced with something that allows proper counselling to pregnant mothers, adoption options, protection for doctors who want to save lives, and access to mental health assessment for mothers who are thinking of dangerous do-it-yourself abortions (Part 3 (10)).

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I request that the Health Committee keep my name anonymous.