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To: [Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee](#)
Subject: FW: Late Term Abortion Bill Objection
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Submission To: The Queensland Parliament Health Committee

Regarding: The Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018

In the strongest possible terms, I object to the proposed Abortion Bills that will shortly be considered in Parliament. I object to all of the Bills that are being proposed, and believe that the current laws are adequate to protect the health of any pregnant woman. In 1996 Judge McGuire ruled that an abortion was legal if there was serious risk to a women's health. Abortion is already highly accessible in Queensland, as evidenced by around 14,000 abortions annually (10,000 covered by Medicare).

I am not alone in holding this view. The YouGov Galaxy poll of 1,000 Queenslanders saw 60% of Queensland voters would not allow abortion after 13 weeks. The proposed bill would allow abortion up to 22 weeks for any reason. 83% of Queenslanders are opposed to sex-selective abortions; the proposed bill would legalise sex-selective abortion.

What I find incongruous is that when premature babies are born, doctors and nurses and care workers do everything within their power to save that life.

It is also bizarre that many, many loving parents are desperate to have children, but cannot, and then wait years for the opportunity to adopt a little baby. Women who really do not want to have their baby can put them up for adoption rather than taking the unborn child's life.

My argument is predominantly in favour of the young life that cannot speak up for itself. However, there is also clear evidence that abortion has serious consequences for the woman too. 1 in 5 women suffer serious, prolonged psychological trauma after abortion, including depression and anxiety. Post abortive women are also 6 times more likely to commit suicide than women who give birth (British Medical Journal).

I request that you seriously consider my objection to all of the proposed Abortion Bills in your deliberations.

Yours sincerely,
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