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Committee Secretary

Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee

Parliament House

George Street

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Dear Sir/Madam

Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018

We wish to give our views on the proposed Bill –

Labor's Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018 would allow abortion on demand up to 22 weeks for any reason. 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 beyond belief.

Labor's extreme bill would allow abortion past 22 weeks gestation until birth, even for social reasons, if two doctors approve. The second doctor need not even see the women, the abortion can still be performed without penalty which is absolutely disgraceful. It is shocking that government is even considering this. Some babies are viable outside the womb at 22 weeks gestation, even though the recognised point of viability in Australia is 23 weeks.

Given that only 6% of Queenslanders support late-term abortion and 8% of Queenslanders support sex-selective abortion, why is the Labor Government proposing such extreme legislation? Only a tiny minority of extremists in the community, including the pro-abortion EMILY's List Labor women MPs, support this outrageous barbaric, horrendous legislation.

Labor's Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018 is unnecessary, as abortion in Queensland is quite accessible, with 14,000 occurring each year. There is no need to decriminalise abortion, as NO women has ever been convicted for having an abortion. Abortion remaining in the Criminal Code does serve as a necessary deterrent to doctors and as a moral compass for all.

The law must protect the right to life of the unborn babies. Labor wants to ignore the human rights of the most defenceless members of the human family. Our conscience doesn't allow us to see such a horrendous legislation to be even considered by our Government.

Yours faithfully

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