

4th September 2018

Committee Secretary
Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention
Committee
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Re: Opposition to the *Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018*

Dear Sir/Madam,

I strongly oppose this bill being considered by parliament for many reasons. The medical profession exists to support and save lives, not to kill them. I will highlight two major objections to this bill.

1. There is no reasonable argument for terminating a pregnancy post 22 weeks.
 - a. Mothers have already had plenty of time to consider their pregnancies within this time period. They have already had time to consider the implications of becoming a mother.
 - b. Babies are almost viable at this period and babies as early as 23 or 24 weeks can be saved with good health care. The interests of the baby are considered of no account in this bill.
 - c. Women who terminate their babies nearly always suffer trauma after they have the abortion. The later the timing of the termination, the worse the trauma.
2. There is barely any demand for this bill and it is therefore unnecessary as well as being harmful.
 - a. At present there is barely any demand for terminations at this later stage of pregnancy.
 - b. The killing of babies is considered abhorrent in all civilized societies and the termination of babies that are healthy and viable is strongly opposed in the wider community.
 - c. This bill will encourage the termination of healthy children because they are not the desired sex.
 - d. Women may be coerced into having terminations by their husbands or family members because they want a boy or a girl.
 - e. Girl babies will probably be at greater risk for the above reasons.

In conclusion, I strongly urge the rejection of this bill.

Yours faithfully,

James Day