



Subject:

TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY BILL

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Dear Committee Secretary,

I am writing to strongly object to the proposed legislation which will allow the killing of an unborn child up to the full term. I hear from the Premier, Deputy Premier, Justice Minister, the AMA and the Nurses Union that the current legislation is over 100 year old and needs updating. Since when did the killing of innocent children become a society norm? What is wrong with this ALP government that it is keen to kill innocent babies in the womb and is now considering the killing of the elderly as well? What has happened to the thinking of members that the killing of a baby at 22 weeks and beyond is a health problem for the mother rather than murder? Why does this government want to join the ranks of only 7 countries in the world that allows the killing of children up to full term? There are no answers from government members about any of these questions.

At the present time, legislation requires a still-born baby at 20 weeks to have a birth certificate and a death certificate and yet this legislation will allow a potential human being to be killed at any time during the gestation period. Such a child will not be given the dignity of recognition in any form but instead is just thrown away like a piece of garbage.

Society is horrified to read about the amount of domestic violence that is occurring amongst families and rightly so; yet many members of the Labor Government are happy to have State countenanced violence, causing death, perpetrated against a child in the womb!!! How can any reasonable person think that this is acceptable when the majority of the population deplores the use of domestic violence? The whole notion of allowing such an invasion on the womb and killing of an innocent child, beggars belief.

The proposed so-called safeguards are useless with no protection offered through counselling, no consideration of the right of a child to live, a doctor only has to refer to another abortionist who doesn't have to see the mother and all this at a time when the list for adoption continues to grow. Perhaps those who support the Bill should be present during a late term abortion and have the abortionist explain what is happening? They may be shocked when a baby is born alive and then left to die.

The anxiety my family feels about the proposed legislation is extremely stressful. We do not understand how anyone could think that the proposed legislation advances the well-being of society. This at a time when the waiting list for adoptions continues to grow. What is being proposed should have nothing to do with conscience but everything to do with a child facing life or death and who cannot speak for themselves. The current legislation is just law while the proposed legislation is unjust law and must be defeated.

I can but implore the Committee to take a strong stand against one of the most horrific pieces of legislation ever to have entered the Qld Parliament and

recommend that the Bill be withdrawn.

Yours faithfully,
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