

To: [health@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:health@parliament.qld.gov.au)

Salutation: Dear committee members,

Subject: Preborn babies in Queensland deserve your protection

Body:

We make an urgent request for the committee to oppose the ungodly Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018. This bill endeavours to decriminalise abortion in Queensland and leave preborn babies with absolutely no legal rights until after birth.

We are very upset that this bill allows for abortion by any method, and for essentially, any reason, right up until the time of birth....! Unbelievable that this atrocity can be pushed forward among people who are supposed to care for our most vulnerable in society! This entire process just points to not acknowledging babies as human beings, even though each one of us were formed in the womb exactly like that!!! Fact is unborn babies feel pain from at least 20 weeks on gestation, while more recent studies concluded that unborn babies experience pain as early as 8 – 10 weeks after conception. Should this bill pass, babies could be dismembered whilst still alive right up until birth!!! That's gross don't you think!!! Have you witness the method of abortion at this stage? Don't you feel like being sick just to discuss it???. And when abortion is OK'ed by law, late-term abortion rates will soar. It's hard to comprehend that any pregnant mum won't be mentally affected by this gruesome procedure. Maybe not the minute after it's done, but sooner or later it will happen, and the effects will be emotional trauma and mental anguish as what mother should be encouraged to murder her own child for whatever reason????

On top of that the medical profession will suffer! This bill gives doctors and nurses no peace of mind to be ordered by their employers to partake in these barbaric acts. Even though the bill states in section 8 that a doctor may claim a conscientious objection to performing an abortion, in 8(4) it puts forward that 'This section does not limit any duty owed by a registered health practitioner to provide a service *in an emergency.*'

Now who will decide whether an abortion is an 'emergency' or not? And whether a pregnant mum may kill or harm herself is sufficient to action this clause. If this is so, which the text of the bill is very vagued about, then medical staff could be forced to kill babies by abortion, simply for psycho-social reasons. Sick, isn't it!

Please, we ask you to seriously consider all these matters at hand, and not only to give a "quick fix" solution to a social problem we have in society, which is no solution at all, as the problem will just increase! Women especially youngsters will become more lax with their contraception because the state will help them "fix it". An increase in social and mental issues will be the sad and preventable outcome. Pregnant mums need more emotional support and financial assistance to care for their baby or have the baby adopted. Please reject this gruesome bill and save our next generation of Aussies!!! If we can dish out money to allow refugees to enter our beautiful Australia, why not rather SAVE OUR OWN!!!

Yours faithfully,

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