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

Subject: The Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018

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Submission to: The Queensland Parliament Health Committee

Regarding:- The Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018

I am writing to you today to express my deep concern and my strong objection to legalising abortion up until birth.

I strongly urge you to use your conscience vote and vote NO on this issue.

The YouGov Galaxy poll of 1,000 Queenslanders saw 60% of Queensland voters do not want abortion allowed after 13 weeks,

and 76% are opposed to abortion after 23 weeks.

There are many reasons why this late term abortion bill which has been presented by the Labour Government is wrong.

This bill would allow abortion on demand up to 22 weeks for any reason at all. This is so immoral and I find it criminal to take the

life of an innocent baby. It also allows abortion after 22 weeks right up until birth even for social reasons if two doctors agree.

I cannot see how Politian's think this is ok, I consider it murder to take a life and one so helpless at that.

If we don't speak up for these helpless ones, if we turn our back on these precious little lives, we have failed dismally at common decency.

Don't all humans have a right to life.

Also the claim is that woman have the right to make this choice.

The truth is 1 in 5 women suffer serious psychological trauma after having an abortion such as depression and anxiety. Labor's bill ignores the right

of women to know the risk factors of abortion. Post abortive women are nearly 6 times more likely to commit suicide than women who give birth

to their baby.

If a women is under distress because of a pregnancy then they should be offered support and counselling to get them through, not the option of aborting their baby which will leave many negative outcomes for the mother along with long term emotional scares.

I would ask that you seriously consider my objection to the proposed Late-Term Abortion Bill that labor is putting forward and please

use your conscience vote to say NO.

Yours sincerely

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