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To the Committee Secretary,
-health communities, Disability Services, Domestic and Family Violence Prevention
Committee
Parliament House
George St
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Dear Secretary

When the Honorable member for Redcliffe, the Attorney General and Minister For Justice, the Honorable YM D'ath introduced the presentation of the bill for an act about the termination of Pregnancies and to amend this act she made the following statement, "For over a century Queensland's current laws in this area have remained virtually unchanged. They have remained stagnant despite the development of newer and safer medical procedures for terminations and despite moves around the world, including around Australia, to recognize women's autonomy"

I was saddened, in fact appalled, by this statement that there is no provision for the unborn child to have a voice!

Twelve years ago, my daughter-in-law was pregnant with her fourth child. She had to endure several scans and investigations because her medical advisors expressed concern that her unborn child was showing signs of brain damage and it was suggested she and my son should consider aborting the pregnancy.

They chose not to—a decision for which our whole family is grateful. Six months later my grandson was born, healthy and with no sign of brain damage. In fact, in his second year at school he was placed in a gifted and talented class. He shows no signs of any issues physically, mentally or socially and he is a joy to us all. We could have been robbed of this young man and that makes me shudder to think I live in a state that would even consider giving power to medical practitioners to try to influence parents' decisions at such a vulnerable time

Recently, a young man was given two life sentences: One for killing his partner and the other for killing her eleven week unborn child. I find the justice system very hypocritical:

-----on the one hand a man serving a life sentence for killing an eleven week unborn pregnancy

----on the other hand laws being tabled to kill an unborn child up to twenty-two weeks.

I find it difficult to feel safe in the state in which I was born seventy-six years ago, to be able to think under a government that has lost its mind and is so willing to spill blood on this wonderful land. So many parents are longing to have a baby and are crying out to be able to adopt a child from our own nation. Let's make a way for these killings to stop, to being brought into life and have loving parents adopt them and stop turning us into a

state with blood on its hands

Yours faithfully

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