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**To:** Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee <Health@parliament.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** submission

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am extremely concerned about the Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018 being proposed by Labor which would permit abortion on demand up to 22 weeks for any reason. Abortion takes the life of an innocent child at any point of the pregnancy, however at 22 weeks a child is fully developed, feeling the same pain as any child out of the womb, and the brutal dismemberment of a child whether in the womb or out of the womb is morally wrong, and tantamount to murder. This is to be abhorred surely and a civilized society should be utilizing its medical resources to enhance life and preserve life, rather than murder a baby in the womb or should a baby survive the abortion, allow it to die an inhumane death of starvation and abandonment on a bench in a medical facility. There are severe penalties for people who mistreat animals inhumanely, yet the Labor Government has no qualms in recommending a baby be murdered. This law as proposed by the Labor Government is without exception morally wrong, and every right thinking person finds it totally unacceptable.

In light of the YouGov Galaxy poll in August 2018 which revealed that less than 6% of the Queensland voters surveyed supported abortion after 23 weeks. This included just 3% of women polled with 76% opposed. Doctors whose entire medical ethos and training is to do all for their patients for their health and wellbeing are suddenly being asked to approve abortion past 22 weeks gestation to birth – even for social reasons. I submit that again this is murder of an innocent child. There is documented evidence that women who have abortions invariably come to this understanding also and they suffer deep, intense grief and guilt at their actions even when advised that such a course of action is acceptable and without repercussions for them. The cost emotionally, psychologically and physically of an abortion to a woman is immeasurable.

It must be mentioned that this bill is not only extreme for reasons explained and but it is also discriminatory as it allows sex selection abortion. Referring again to YouGov Galaxy poll August 2018, only 8% of Queenslanders support sex-selective abortion, including 5% of women, and 83% opposed. This is surely anti-women legislation being proposed by the Labor government which surely must be branded as barbaric where female babies in the womb are killed by reason of their gender. Again the statistics attest only very small percentages of Queenslanders -6% - support late-term abortion, while only 8% support support gender selective abortion.

Given that only 6% of Queenslanders support late-term abortion and only 8% of Queenslanders support sex-selective abortion, surely the question must be asked of the Labor Government as to why they are proposing such extreme legislation when abortion in Queensland is indeed currently available?

.Available data records that 14000 abortions are performed annually. No women has ever been convicted for having an abortion. I submit that there are very serious ramifications of abortion – murder of the life of a baby in the womb – which our society ignores at it peril. It needs to be emphasised that an innocent life is destroyed in a brutal and horrendous manner and a woman is irrevocably harmed. I contend for the life of innocent children and the well being of women in Queensland.

Yours sincerely,

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