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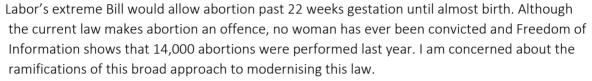
To: Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee

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Despite their claim that it supports women's health, I believe it actually does the opposite. What's more according to a recent (August 2018) 1000 person You Gov Galaxy poll the majority of Queenslanders do not support the extreme aspects of this Bill (only 6% support abortion after 23 weeks (including 3% of women) with 76% opposed.

Some reasons why I believe this approach to abortion law is bad for women's health and the unborn child:

- The unborn child dies! They have no say in this as it is all about the 'rights' of women. 62% of Queenslanders agree that the unborn at 23 weeks is a person with rights.
- The very real risks of mental anguish and depression that women may and often do experience. Post abortive women are 6 times more likely to suicide than women who give birth.
  - (British medical journal, 1996)
- The current Bill does not include safeguards for women considering an abortion such as independent counselling, informed consent and a cooling off period. This does not help women make an informed (including the possible ramifications) decision at such a crucial time.
- Women are sometimes coerced into making a decision to abort. 26% of Queenslanders
  personally knew of one woman who was coerced to have an abortion (You Gov Galaxy
  poll, 2018) This often from a partner, is a form of domestic violence. Isn't our Queensland
  government trying to stamp out domestic violence as a health and safety scourge
  affecting women.