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**To:** [Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee](#)  
**Cc:** [Mansfield Electorate Office](#)  
**Subject:** Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018  
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Dear Committee Secretary

I AM OPPOSED TO THIS PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

1. The rights of the unborn baby are not protected and indeed are violated.
2. The proposed legislation allows abortion until 22 weeks for any reason yet children prematurely born at that age can easily survive. (62% of Queenslanders surveyed in YouGov Galaxy Poll in August 2018 believe at 23 weeks they are a person with rights.)
3. The proposed legislation allows abortion until full term under certain circumstances including undefined social circumstances. To abort at full term is tantamount to taking a human life. (76% of Queenslanders oppose abortion after 23 weeks)
4. The social circumstances clause will, in my opinion, result in sex-selective abortion which is barbaric. (83% of Queenslanders oppose sex-selection abortion)
5. The proposed legislation does not protect the mother. Many mothers deeply regret having an abortion and live to experience deep psychological harm and in some cases suicide has been reported. There is no provision to provide independent counselling before making a decision to abort, informed consent conditions and a cooling off period. (Over 79% of Queenslanders agree that each of these three provisions should be included)
6. The proposed legislation does not protect doctors who conscientiously object to performing abortions. They are required by law to refer mothers to doctors who will perform the abortion or face penalties including up to one year in jail. (74% support conscientious objection)

I cannot understand why this legislation is being driven by the government. Queenslanders object and their wishes are definitely not being respected.

Sincerely

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