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Subject: [SPAM ?] Termination of Pregnancy Bill
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I am concerned about a number of issues regarding The Termination of Pregnancy Bill:-

No provision for Independent Counselling

- This works in favour of abortion clinics who profit from abortion
- Allows a doctor to terminate a pregnancy without consulting another doctor up to 22 weeks
- *Women need an informed choice* – many feel coerced by partners to have an abortion and need counselling assistance to consider their options
- Many women say they would not have had an abortion had they felt supported to work through alternatives

The law allows *the taking of the life of an unborn child* up to birth *for* reasons including the Mother's *social reasons* – this is barbaric and inhumane. A child born early at 22 weeks can survive with huge resources from doctors, nurses and government funds. How can we then sanction the killing of the same unborn child of the same age to be killed? This law would allow a woman to abort her baby even a week prior to birth. Surely protections for the unborn should be considered. Only 6% of Queenslanders agree with late term abortion – this bill is out of step with public opinion.

A stillborn baby is registered at 20 weeks or 400g – this recognises the humanity of the unborn and is incongruous with allowing abortion after this time – will the aborted babies also be registered as stillborn?

Doctors who consciously object to abortion should have no obligations to refer – it is not necessary for a women to obtain an abortion as abortion providers are easily found and is perverse in requiring a conscious objector to participate in procuring an abortion by the act of referral. It also takes away religious freedom.

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