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My name is Emily Dash and I am 12 years old. I come from Canada but have lived in Australia for six years. I have four sisters and we are all the best of friends. I am the second child of five. I really love Queensland and would like to help keep it a safe and caring state.

I heard about the Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018 from my father and mother. They encouraged me to take action so I decided to try and make a difference. One of the first things that grabbed my attention was the DIY abortion [Part 3, S10]. For one thing aborting your own baby could affect your mental health. A big danger is that the mother could accidentally harm the child and then back out. This would mean the child would have to live with that injury. Another risk is that the mother could harm herself or even kill herself. The mother could also damage her ability to have children.

Another part of the Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018 that stood out to me is that the Bill gives fathers no rights in connection to the abortion. I find this startling because the child is just as much the father's as it is the mother's. I think this is taking away the Fathers rights and I believe that the father should have just as many rights as the mother.

We all want to make Queensland a better place and I think the best way to accomplish that would be not to put the Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018 through. The child involved in the abortion is a human just like anyone else and deserves to live. I hope to have made a difference and make Queensland a safer place for everyone. Thank you for your consideration.

Kind Regards,

Emily Dash