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To: [Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee](#)
Subject: Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018
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Importance: High

Greetngs,

My name is Marie and I would like to thank the Queensland Government for allowing me to voice my objection to the proposed Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018.

Please consider the following reasons –

- The bill is an assault on innocent babies who cannot speak for themselves.
- The bill allows for abortions to take place past 22 weeks gestation until birth with little safeguards for the mother and requiring loose approval by the medical profession.
- The bill reflects blatant discrimination by allowing sex selection abortion.
- The bill removes a doctors right to exercise a conscientious objection to abortion and forces some doctors to refer women to abortion clinics or to another doctor (going against their spiritual beliefs).
- The bill does not provide avenues for women (seeking an abortion) to gain more understanding of:
pregnancy and the joys of becoming a mother, termination of a pregnancy - including psychological damage to the mother post abortion procedure, the support available to single parents, the avenues available to have the baby adopted etc.
- The bill does not include pre abortion counselling for women so they have time to consider their options.
- To remove abortion from the criminal code will do little but send a message to the Australian people that abortion is a safe contraceptive for women and that the life of an unborn child is of little worth.

For life and a better future for Queensland.

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