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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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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to express my complete disagreement with Labor's extreme Termination of Pregnancy Bill.

- It is a disgraceful bill denying the rights of the unborn child and it ignores the right of women to have the facts of abortion disclosed to them along with the serious prolonged psychological trauma that many women suffer after this procedure.
- To allow termination up to 22 weeks *for any reason at all* could lead to abortion being used as a means of sex selection, which would, in the majority of cases, discriminate against baby girls. It could be viewed by some young and uninformed women as a means of birth control and it could lead to women being coerced into abortion by an abusive partner. It does not include safeguards such as independent counselling or a cooling off period.
- This bill would allow termination past 22 weeks *for any reason providing two doctors approve*. Even though the second doctor doesn't even have to see the woman. That is just wrong. These babies are not disposable objects. It is shameful that Labor would introduce a bill that denies the fundamental rights of the most vulnerable and defenceless members of our society.
- Labor's Termination of Pregnancy Bill is really unnecessary as abortion is accessible with some 14,000 occurring each year. There is no need to decriminalise abortion as no Queensland woman has ever been convicted for having one. Abortion should remain in the criminal code as a deterrent to it being performed unnecessarily and as a moral guideline for our society.

It is shocking that government is even considering this. There are better ways of helping women. As one commentator wrote, "the end result of abortion is one dead, one wounded." I have only touched on a few of the serious concerns this Bill raises. Please take all of them into account when making your report and support life, not death.

Yours sincerely,

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