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To: Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee

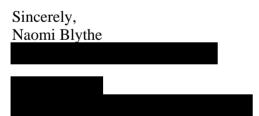
**Subject:** The proposed abortion "reform" is humanity at its worst

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Re: The proposed abortion "reform" is humanity at its worst

Dear Communities Health,

I am writing to express my disagreement with the new bill allowing late-term abortions. Babies do not suddenly become babies, with life, personality and feelings, when labour kicks in, and before that they are simply a lump of cells. They are full babies in the womb before birth, babies that feel fear and pain, both of which they experience during an abortion. We live in a society where we protect the rights of insects to exist, the rights of cockroaches to be treated "humanely", and yet at the same time we are debating allowing people to murder their own babies because that baby is no longer wanted. This is not progress for society. This is not something that human beings should be proud of. This is the deterioration of society and it needs to be stopped. Me not wanting a baby is not a justification for murdering that child, any more than me not wanting my husband is a valid excuse for murdering him. Deciding that I am happier without a baby should not give me the right to (and let's be honest, that is what happens in an abortion). If babies are unwanted, make adoption far more accessible for those who desperately want them. We don't need to kill them. The claim is that late-term is the best for the woman's health, but this is a lie. We are creating health problems by pushing women into abortions instead of providing information and alternatives (like adoption). Murdering an unborn child is going to create feelings of guilt in many women, and by sweeping those feelings under the rug and pretending that abortions are no different to taking antibiotics for an infection, we are harming women. What we really need to do instead of introduce the abortion bill is: 1. Make adoptions easier. 2. Provide counselling and genuine information for women considering abortions. 3. Treat unborn babies as they really are – real babies with life, personality and feelings – instead of seeing them as a lump of cells that can be discarded.



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