## Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Comr

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

**Prevention Committee** 

**Subject:** Termination of Pregnancy Bill



as a mother and grandmother I am very concerned about the consequences this bill will have to the pre-born children and to the mothers.

My daughter was pressured by her partner to have an abortion when she had an unplanned pregnancy at the age of 19. To her credit she did not agree and now her son is nearly 8 years old.

There needs to be information given to a woman presenting to a hospital given by a doctor or counsellor and a cooling off period of three days before a termination is scheduled. An ultra-sound of my firstborn son at 10 weeks gestation revealed a heartbeat and a developing baby complete with fingers and toes.

Ten years ago I recall a Community Service Work Lecturer admitting that many women say they regretted having had any abortion even after thirty years.

Regarding the galaxy Poll of 7-9 August 85% said No to Sex-selection abortions. I would like to remind you that the same percentage of people who voted 'Yes' to same-sex 'marriage', are also against abortion after 13 weeks → over 60% in both cases.

This bill will allow the killing of viable babies up to birth for social reasons, based on the decisions of two doctors who take an oath to "First Do no harm."

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