

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

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee  
**Subject:** Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018 - Submission  
**Categories:** Submission

Dear Committee Secretary,

I am concerned about the Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018.

Research shows a strong link between abortion and adverse health effects in women e.g. increases in the risk of breast cancer and mental illnesses.([www.realchoices.org.au](http://www.realchoices.org.au)) There is no provision in this Bill to inform women of these dangers, or to help them make a truly informed choice about this life-changing decision .

This Bill allows abortion for any reason up to 22 weeks, and for a wide range of criteria including "social" reasons up until day of birth - stripping all protection from unborn babies. This also puts vulnerable and unstable women particularly at risk of a decision they may regret. It allows for an increase in partial- birth abortions, and the killing of many babies of whose age we fight to save, if they are "wanted" and are born prematurely.

Shall we become like Victoria, where sex selection abortion is acceptable? It appears this would be quite valid under this Bill. This is not what we want or need – recent surveys have shown that Queenslanders are already concerned about the high number of abortions in our country. (YouGov, August 2018)

Please, our State and our families and our women do not need more abortions. We need to be reminded that life is precious and to be protected, no matter how young. We need to find ways of offering support and hope, not death.

Yours Sincerely,  
Evan Caswell.

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