

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

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 4 September 2018 11:35 AM  
**To:** Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee  
**Subject:** Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018  
**Categories:** Submission

Dear Member of Parliament,

I strongly oppose the proposed Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018.

According to a YouGov Galaxy poll in August 2018, only 6% of Queenslanders support abortion after 23 weeks, including just 3% of women, with 76% opposed. Some babies are viable outside the womb at 22 weeks. The taking of a human life past 22 weeks gestation until birth, even for social reasons is what Labor's extreme bill would allow. This is morally disgusting that a government party would even consider this. Please listen to the public. Our people do not want to ignore the fundamental human rights of the most defenseless members of the human family.

A YouGov Galaxy poll in August 2018 showed that 26% of Queenslanders personally knew at least one woman who was coerced to have an abortion. Being coerced to have an abortion is a form of domestic violence. Many abusive partners don't want to be responsible for financially contributing to another life. The proposed bill does not have any safeguards for women seeking an abortion such as independent counselling or an informed consent cooling off period requirement. Neither does it include alternatives such as foster or adoption. This bill does not consider the harm that abortion can cause to the woman physically or mentally. It will leave vulnerable women unprotected from coercion of the worst kind, further perpetuating the cycle of domestic violence and mental illness.

Please say no to this bill. Please significantly expand Government funding to include pregnancy counselling services such as Priceless Life which offer real support for women and real choice (not just abortion!).

Yours Sincerely  
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