

**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 2018  
**Categories:** Submission

To the Health Committee members,

I write with grave concern regarding the proposed changes to abortion law in Queensland. My understanding is that this bill, if passed, would allow abortion for any reason up to the moment of birth. The absence of regard for human life encompassed in this bill can reasonably be termed evil. Society at large abhors murderous acts when they occur and hospitals with neo-natal intensive care units fight for the lives of premature babies. In both examples, much of the grief expressed is about the loss of life and potential contribution.

Society recognises the value of life. For this reason, and in support of societal expectations, the current abortion law effectively instructs society regarding the gravity and seriousness of the act of abortion. By contrast, this bill ignores societal norms and pushes a position in which taking of life is trivialised. Taking a life is named 'killing'. There is no way to dress it up and sanction it. Killing for convenience is an incredibly dark and dangerous place to be heading.

Strengthening the educative aspects of existing law and supporting independent counselling for women considering abortion would be steps in a positive direction and empowers women to make fully informed and considered choices. As a concerned citizen of Queensland, I implore the committee to demonstrate respect and value the unborn when considering this bill.

Yours sincerely,  
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