

Preborn babies in Queensland deserve your protection

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Dear committee members,

We call on the committee to oppose the wicked Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018. This bill aims to decriminalise abortion in Queensland and leave preborn babies with absolutely no legal protection until after birth.

We are particularly disturbed that this bill allows for abortion by any method and for essentially any reason right up until the time of birth, because it has been established that unborn babies feel pain from at least 20 weeks gestation, and some studies have concluded that unborn babies experience pain as early as eight to ten weeks after conception.

Yet if this bill is passed, babies could be dismembered whilst still alive right up until birth. And when abortion is decriminalised, late-term abortion rates soar:

Furthermore, this bill gives doctors and nurses no peace of mind that they can't be compelled by their employers to partake in these gruesome procedures. It is true that the bill states in section 8 that a medical practitioner may claim a conscientious objection to performing an abortion, but in 8(4) it states that 'This section does not limit any duty owed by a registered health practitioner to provide a service in an emergency.'

The committee should ask who makes the judgement whether an abortion is an 'emergency' and whether a determination that the woman may kill or harm herself is sufficient to trigger this clause. If this is so, which the text of the bill leaves open, then medical staff could be forced to inflict great pain upon and kill babies by abortion, simply for psycho-social reasons.

We pray that at the very least the committee will recommend that MPs reject this bill, and so prevent many more babies in Queensland dying extremely painful and traumatic deaths. But we also ask that you go even further and recommend instead that all preborn babies in Queensland are given legal protection against the abortionist's scalpel.

Yours faithfully,



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