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The committee should recommend streamlining adoption, not abortion


Dear health committee,

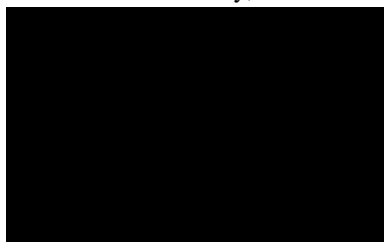
I ask the committee to recommend MPs oppose the Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018 for the sake of the many more unborn babies who will be killed if this bill was ever to pass.

Please don't think that the requirement for two doctors to agree to abort a baby over 22 weeks old will give any meaningful protection. In practice, these doctors will simply be two abortionists working in the same clinic, or two abortionists in neighbouring clinics who agree to 'rubber stamp' each other's decisions. And because each doctor needs only to consider 'the woman's current and future physical, psychological and social circumstances,' then it is abundantly clear that this requirement is worthless as a safeguard.

But I don't wish simply to dwell on this atrocious bill in my submission. I also urge the committee to make positive recommendations, such that MPs should instead devote their energies to making adoption easier in Queensland. There are thousands of Queensland couples who are desperate for a child and who would be overjoyed to adopt one who would otherwise be aborted. But the current adoption process is so harrowing and drawn out that very few adoptions take place, and many couples even resort to adopting children from overseas. Why can't we encourage viable babies to be brought to full-term here so they can be adopted out to loving parents in Queensland or elsewhere in Australia?

Instead of this horrendous bill to kill even more babies right up until birth with no real restrictions, I hope your report will encourage MPs to support legislation to promote and streamline adoption instead.

Yours sincerely,



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