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To whom it may concern

I am writing to express my deep concern with the proposed changes to QLD's abortion law. My fear is that by making abortion legal up until birth, more abortions will occur and abortion will be more likely to be used as a contraceptive measure.

As it stands, if two medical professionals sign off on a late-term abortion for medical reasons, it is legal. I do not see how changing the abortion laws can bring anything but more infant deaths – after all, what is the difference between a baby at 38 weeks inside the womb and the baby at 38 weeks outside? Under the new law, killing the first will be legal, while we maintain that killing the second is murder.

Please do not allow this change to occur. Abortion is not good for babies and it is not good for mothers. Many women are coerced into having abortions from parents or partners, and they suffer long after the event, both in physical and psychological ways. We should be supporting these women, and their babies, not choosing abortion as a quick 'fix' to a problem.

The fact is that many abortions are carried out, not for medical reasons, but simply because the child is unwanted. The government should be looking at ways where they can support pregnant mothers through and after the process of their unplanned pregnancy so that both mother and baby's physical and mental health can be built up and improved, instead of further damaging it.

Every human life is valuable and has a right to life, whether inside or outside the womb, and governments should be protecting that right, especially for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Thank you for considering my thoughts.

Yours sincerely

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