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To Whom It may Concern,

I am writing to express my disagreement with the proposed abortion law reform and ask that you consider not changing the current law practices.

I am a mum of young children, a nurse and a lifelong Queenslander, I am, in a sense, one of the people this change of law is aimed at 'providing' for. But I cannot support it. On an emotional level, it makes me feel deeply saddened and sick to the pit of my stomach that this is even being pursued. When there is such a desire for people to have children, when we spend so much money rightfully preserving young babies lives, it jsut saddens me to my inner being that we, as society, would condone the taking of innocent life.

One a more rational level, it simply angers me! I can not understand the logic of it all. I do not, logically understand how somebody can have an abortion at 39 weeks and it would be ok and acceptable and legal. But, on the other hand, a women was recently tried for murder of her newborn, when she birthed the child at home and let the child die in the laundry. How is there any difference? How is it decided that at one point that child is simply a bunch of cells to be terminated versus a life taken worthy of the charge of murder?

Secondly, I just can't understand how the pre-born are any different to us. They are either human, and therefore deserving of our protection, or they are not. It is not something that can be decided based on the feelings or level of attachment that somebody has to the unborn child. An unborn child is morally no different from a born human being. They may be smaller or less developed, but so is my toddler, so therefore does that mean he can be terminated without it counting as murder? Human rights should apply to all human beings. What a sad and cruel society we will be living in if this isn't the case.

The is no progressive thinking in this Bill. As somebody that ought to 'benefit' from it, I only see hurt and pain ensuing. Please, reconsider its necessity, I implore you.

Much thanks.

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