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Dear Member of Parliament,

I strenuously oppose this new abortion bill being put before Parliament for the following reasons: It removes all safeguards for women and offers no protections and it grants one section of the population the so called "right" to kill another section of the said population.

### **Removal of Safeguards**

Women are often pressured into abortions by family, boyfriends and/or circumstances. If abortion is against the law, as it currently is in Queensland (except when the mother's life is in danger) a woman has a defence, she can tell those pressuring her that it is illegal for her to do so. If abortion, including late term abortion is made legal, a woman is much more vulnerable to such pressure.

### **We Don't Have The Right To Take A Life**

I do not believe any human being has the right to take another person's life, no matter how young that other person is. In Queensland it is against the law for a mother to kill her own child - which is as it should be. However this new bill would give the mother the right - or the mother might be pressured into - killing her own child. There is no way this bill should be made legal. A baby is a separate life, not just a part of the mother's body. If you can kill the baby and the mother lives, then they are not the same body. There is no way of getting around the fact that a baby is carried inside a woman, but is NOT part of the woman. Hence this bill is not just a case of a woman being granted rights over her own body, but her being granted the right to kill another person's body.

Further late term abortions are horrific. They literally entail dismembering a near-term baby limb by limb. How is this not barbaric? Science has come a long way since abortion was first decriminalised in Australia. We can now see videos of little babies rearing away from the abortionist's tools of death. They obviously sense danger and their choice is to avoid it. Where are the safeguards for the unborn's right to choose life in this legislation?

This bill prioritizes an adult's rights above a child's rights. In my opinion that is neither fair nor just. An adult has already lived a certain number of years and had a chance at life whereas the little baby has not.

In conclusion, as a woman, I fully support women having rights over their own bodies and being able to make choices about their lives, but I don't think women have rights over people's lives nor do I think we get to decide whether someone else lives or dies. I don't think government or anyone else can actually give us that particular "right" or "choice". Unfortunately that's what this bill tries to do. I think this bill is a case of government overstepping its jurisdiction. When did government get the "right" to grant one segment of the population the "right" to kill another segment of the population?

Regards,

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