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To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to voice my sincere objections to any legalising of abortion and particularly abortion of living children, left to die in hospitals or clinics. This horrific practice was brought to the Prime Minister's notice on Q & A program last week and I imagine thousands of Australians wondering if it can possibly be true that Australian doctors and nurses would carry out such an act. Recently the Polish government has considered repealing the practice since nursing staff were so traumatised by hearing the aborted and living baby crying and no one allowed to care for it. It was left to die alone. And Poland only allows abortions in cases where mother's life is in danger or in cases of rape.

I have actually lost 2 babies through ectopic pregnancies and the baby is not able to be saved (too small) and both the mother and baby will die if there is no action, (the developing pregnancy is growing in the fallopian tube instead of the womb). This is a genuine case of mother's life in danger. I have never come across another case where a mother's life is in immediate danger and the baby has to be removed. The only cases I have come across are where the mother develops cancer during the pregnancy and the treatment will affect the developing baby. In the cases I have read about, the mother chose to allow the baby to thrive and to delay her own cancer treatment. A heroic decision.

Abortion for rape cases is also abhorrent. To kill the baby when the father has caused the grief doesn't even make sense. If the mother doesn't want to keep the baby, she can adopt.

Meanwhile, this issue in Queensland will be carbon copy of the terrible laws here in Tasmania where babies are aborted at any stage of the pregnancy and for any reason. It is a direct negation of the right of the child and specifically, of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights - Article 3 - which declare "Everyone has the right to life".

Yours sincerely,
Mrs P Cotterill