

**From:**  
**To:** [abortionlawreform](#)  
**Subject:** Vote no to the Abortion law changes  
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Dear Sir,

I wish to make a submission with regard to the proposed changes to Abortion laws in Queensland. The rights of women to choose should not override the rights of a person to life and certainly the right of a viable infant to life. We already have options for women to access contraception, the morning after pill, abortion before 20weeks and viable foetal age, and it is incredibly shameful for any society to allow a fully developed and viable infant to be killed in the second and third trimester. It is a shameful thing this action is already permitted in other States but that does not make it right morally, ethically or socially. Please do not support changes to abortion laws in Queensland that diminish innocent children's rights to live and imposes unethical behaviour of health care personnel. As a registered nurse, certified midwife and child health nurse I would not be able to adhere to any legislation that required me to participate or abet any action to terminate a viable foetus/infant.

I also cannot understand how we can spend significant effort and funds to preserve the life of surviving preterm infants and yet also kill that same child under these proposed laws if the mother wishes it. The life being taken is not a faceless mass of tissues but a fully formed beautiful child that in other circumstances would be celebrated and treasured.

Please Vote NO to this abhorrent proposed legislation that is a blight on our community and our souls.

Yours sincerely  
Ruth Dukes