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Dear Committee Members

I would like to table my concern about the proposed bill decriminalising abortion up to 40 weeks.

I believe every individual is unique and special and has something to contribute to our world. Human life needs to be protected at all stages and ages, and I don't think we should make the decision to terminate anyone's life, particularly the lives of those who are most vulnerable and cannot speak for themselves. I uphold the need to protect the rights of children. I don't see how we can protect the life of a newborn baby, provide extensive neonatal care for babies with difficulties etc and at the same time, be terminating the life of a nearly full term baby. It cannot possibly be in the interests of the baby and surely this act has to be called murder.

I believe we need to be supporting women with unexpected pregnancies and it is possible to do this. Extra funding could be put in to this. There are Australian families wanting to adopt Australian babies at any time. I have supported relatives going through an 8 year process to adopt overseas children. They now have a complete and happy family. Other would-be parents were not so fortunate. There are very few Australian babies available for adoption, and overseas adoption is a long, difficult, emotionally draining, and expensive process. I do believe there are many people wanting to adopt these seemingly unwanted babies. I do believe they have a right to live their lives and it should not be taken away from them.

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