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Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee, Parliament House, George Street, Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Committee,

The proposed Bill is of interest to me as I am the mother of two young boys, one of them being a newborn. The beautiful image of Joseph entering the world is still fresh in my mind with his full head of dark hair and gorgeous little face.

What concerns me most about the proposition of decriminalising abortion in Queensland is that there is no gestational limit for this horrendous procedure to be carried out. To slaughter a newborn whilst out of the womb is a crime, therefore why is it not so when they are inside what should be the safety of their Mother's womb?

From my understanding this bill is a copy of Victoria and Tasmania -a baby can be aborted for a social or economic reason. What is needed is guidance and help for expectant mothers not greater access to kill their child.

I understand that there are heartbreaking circumstances where abortion may be called for due to the Mother's health or life being threatened, but the existing practices already make allowances for this. Why make this cruel practice a norm when the Mother's health during pregnancy is already taken into account in Queensland?

Please committee, make a kind decision and protect the babies of Queensland.

Yours Faithfully,

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