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I'm writing this submission to voice my concern about the proposed changes to Queensland law concerning the matter of abortion. I would ask that you reject all proposed changes to the law.

The government has a responsibility to protect the right of all citizens, including those who are unable to speak for themselves such as those with disabilities and those who are yet to be born. Principally, if we are ok with aborting unborn children, then why not give the option to 'abort' any person, in any stage of life who is unable to care for themselves? This is a horrific concept, yet somehow as a society we have deemed a child inside the womb as having less value than one outside the womb.

As a mother of two young children (21 months and 13 days old), I have had the privilege of growing and nurturing two babies whilst in utero. Yes, it was hard work and yes it took a toll on my body, both physically and mentally –but they did not ask for me to be their mother. They did not ask to be conceived. And they are no less because they are 'little people'. From the moment I held them they came with their own personalities and unique traits.

For anyone who has seen an abortion take place the evidence is clear that this 'clump of cells' is so much more and is unmistakably the life of an unborn child. Who are we to sentence so many young lives to death, more less, those lives of little ones who are yet to have a voice – the future of our state?

On behalf of every unborn life who would be saved I would ask that you reject any proposed changes to abortion laws in QLD.

Sincerely,

Anna McConnell