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Dear Committee Members

My submission to the Amendment Bill (Abortion Law Reform) requests that the Committee careful considers all the evidence that a 24-week foetus is truly a fully-formed human being still in-utero. We are deluding ourselves completely if we ignore all we know about Ultrasound images of a foetus at 24 weeks gestation & pretend that this is not a real human being yet to be born. In fact some are born prematurely at this gestation & manage to survive in our premi baby units. It is quite incongruous & disingenuous for some to argue that it is humane to terminate at this stage, because studies have shown that the foetus definitely feels pain at even earlier stages than 24 weeks & would be subject to cruel & undeserved suffering.

We also have the mother to consider, with many studies citing an increase in mental health disorders, Breast cancer, infertility, & difficulty in carrying a pregnancy to term in subsequent pregnancies. We can surely do much better in the 21st Century than offering one choice only that harms mother & child.

Finally, the Law as it stands does not need reform, as no woman has ever been prosecuted for unlawful termination in Queensland. It is totally unnecessary to all concerned to be submitting this 2nd Bill to Parliament when the first Bill was rejected so soundly just recently.

Yours Sincerely

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