

From: Margaret Airoidi
Sent: Wednesday, 14 September 2016 2:10 PM
To:
> **Subject:** Abortion Law Reform Amendment Bills 2016

Ms. Leanne Linard M.P.

With respect, I am asking you, as the Chair appointed to the Committee on these Abortion Law Reform Amendment Bills to accept this letter as a Submission to the Committee.

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We represent a group of Queenslanders who have been discussing the proposed Abortion Law Reform Amendment Bills 2016, which are to be voted on in Queensland Parliament.

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Dr. Mark Robinson, member for Cleveland, put a Question on Notice to the Health Minister, Cameron Dick MP, asking “How many babies aged 20 weeks or more were born alive after a termination procedure in Queensland hospitals each year between 2005 and 2015 (presented annually), and will the Minister confirm whether these babies are provided pain relief or any other form of palliative care?”

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In response, on June 10, 2016, the Health Minister replied 8 were born alive and left to die in 2005, 16 in 2006, 20 in 2007, 15 in 2008, 13 in 2009, 17 in 2010, 20 in 2011, 20 in 2012, 23 in 2013, 25 in 2014, 27 in 2015.

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Our babies who are struggling in the death throes of abortion procedures have virtually no voice in the parliamentary process. Those infants who, astonishingly, survive failed termination procedures are left to die, with only physiological support, with no reference to pain relief.

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We believe that such callous treatment from health professionals is totally unacceptable in a civilised society.

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We are aware that the Queensland Nurses' Union has recommended that Queensland's Parliament pass the Abortion Law reform Amendment Bill 2016, which allows abortion up to birth.

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How is it that a Union of Nurses, who we understand to be in the business of saving lives, could support such an inhumane procedure? How many Nurses have been asked by their Union whether they agree with this recommendation?

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We ask you, as one of our Representatives in Queensland's Parliament, to ensure that this Bill is rejected, and that any adjusted or amended form of this Bill provides a gestational time frame which recognises the viability of the unborn child.

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Thanking you for your attention to this letter,

Yours Sincerely,