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To: Abortion Bill

**Subject:** Rejection of the abortion bill

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## To Whom It May Concern,

I ask that you reject this new abortion bill on the grounds that abortion, especially after the first trimester, is unhealthy physically and emotionally for a woman and ends in the death of a baby. I believe our solution to unexpected/crisis pregnancies is not in termination of a human life, but should be more directed to resources for counselling, better access and education on adoption options. A heartbeat can be detected on ultrasound from day 22 from conception - before most women know they are pregnant. The unborn baby has it's own unique DNA and by the end of the first trimester (week 12) he or she has reflexes, can suck their thumb and have all their organs functioning. There is no doubt that they are a seperate human to the mother. The unborn are among our most vulnerable in society, how we treat them says a lot about us as a community. Let's commit to protect our defenceless, and our women. We have an ageing population in Australia - there is estimated to be 100,000 abortions yearly. If this bill went ahead, it figures that this statistic would increase, further opening the age gap in our population. And further increasing the chances of physical and emotional injury to Queensland women. Please reject this bill.

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