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To: [Abortion Bill](#)
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To the Inquiry Secretary, Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee,

I would like to argue that we do not alter the present bill (1937) that deals with abortion to include allowing abortions for women who are beyond the 24 week mark in their pregnancy. Surely if there was a danger to the mothers physical or mental health it would be determined by the 24th week. This is 6 months into the gestation period and with only 30 months or 16 weeks to go before the due date of the birth of the baby.

It is a very sad thing that an invitro infant is not protected by the law at all. I find it strange that if a child is killed the minute it is born there would be a charge of murder laid but if this bill is passed and two doctors agree that the mental health of the mother is in serious danger then it is OK to perform an abortion even beyond 24 weeks and it would be legal, with no charges laid. Is there a cut off time that an abortion could be performed in this proposal and no one would be legally accountable for the life of the unborn child?

When will we give rights to the unborn, the helpless, defenseless life in the womb. When will the womb be a safe place for the fetus, protected by law from the danger of a termination? Life is so precious and the fetus should be protected by society. How can the mental health of the mother be a reason to abort when there are so many people who want to adopt children in Australia. Why cannot the mother who feels mentally in danger simply put the child up for adoption instead of depriving it of a chance at life. Australia needs more children. Don't kill those who have not yet had a chance to impact our society. Who knows what these unborn children would go on to become and contribute to Australian society.

Sadly there are no accurate statistics kept for the number of abortions performed in Australia. Why don't we legislate to find out how many of each generation does not find the light of day?

i ask you to seriously consider my submission and I thank God [REDACTED]
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Sincerely,
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