

Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024

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In commenting on this subject I would like to turn the clock back some 130 years to the 1890s to a small town by the name of Barcaldine in Queensland and at a location under a tree affectionately now known as the tree of knowledge. This was the platform for the commencement of the Labor Party. 69 years earlier unions were formed in Tasmania and NSW and subsequently increased in numbers through to the 1890s where we had the shearers strike/confrontation. Many of the unionists of the day were Irishmen and in saying that, were devoted Catholics. The naming of the tree of knowledge came straight out of the Old Testament of the bible. The Catholic faith were strong in numbers but moreso had an almost indestructible moral code. The 10 commandments was the underpinning of their faith then as it is now. So in saying that, the Labor Party had a Catholic or Christian foundation and their moral stand was for fairness to all. We fast forward to 21st century where unionists and many of our Labor politicians have completely forgotten what their original platform was. The term morals or morality no longer forms part of their DNA. Personally I find abortion abhorrent and is still felt the same way by the Catholic faith which incidently, I am not of that genre. That brings me to the subject of duty of care in relation to babies being aborted yet have survived the process and are still alive. In common law, those responsible, have a duty of care towards that live baby who incidently is unable to make any decision as to care. That baby is alive and breathing and is a human being not just a piece of meat. Yes it is a functioning human being albeit small and defenceless. It has fought a tough battle and deserves recognition and the right to live. If I was in the unfortunate position to come across the premier of this State after a motor vehicle accident and it was a critical situation, irrespective whether I like him or not, I would do the utmost to keep this human alive and render every assistance I could muster. That's what I would expect when it comes to a botched abortion procedure. Should the baby die during the rendered help it would be sad but at least you tried. For God's sake don't throw in a pile to die when something could have been done. We ourselves are human and that's where the word humane comes from.