

## Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024

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I find it shocking that a doctor, a medical professional, whose role is to diagnose and treat patients, would respond with a nonchalant “so?” upon hearing that a baby is dying in his care.

The nurse wanted to intervene to save this baby, but her “hands were tied” by the medical system.

I think this is evident that doctors and nurses should not have anything to do with termination of life, whether it be euthanasia or abortion, because as this example clearly shows, they forget what their priorities are – to save lives, not end them.

Whatever one’s position on the morality of abortion, the fact is that the law allows babies to be killed if they are unwanted, but surely we can recognise that once a baby is born, killing them becomes unacceptable. If it is allowed, then consider the potentially grave consequences this could have: a baby can be killed if it is unwanted, even after birth. How long before this baby’s human rights kick in? 1 minute? 1 hour? 1 day? 1 year? It’s not unfathomable to imagine a situation where a new mother decides a few days or weeks after birth that motherhood is her cup of tea. Neither it is difficult to imagine parents whose children are going through the “terrible twos” or even teenage children who suddenly become more than they are comfortable handling.

Therefore, I think a baby who is born, should be treated like every other human being.

The mother decided to have the abortion because she wanted to terminate her pregnancy. After the baby is born, the pregnancy is terminated. The mother is no longer pregnant. Her goal has been achieved. There is no reason to kill the baby after it has been born even if abortion is legal.

Another thing which is scandalous is the lack of reporting. Surely, even when abortion is legal and it is considered perfectly moral, no matter what side of the issue you’re on, you should be interested in reporting the facts.