

Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024

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To eliminate an innocent human life is clearly to violate the highest human right: the right to life. Furthermore in doing so, it fails in providing appropriate support to a woman facing a difficult or unexpected pregnancy. The most dignified solution for a woman and for the life that she carries in her womb is social support to be able to move on. Abortion is not a worthy solution and its physical and psychological effects on women are very worrying. With regards to babies born alive, the Human Rights (Children Born Alive Protection) Bill 2022 – legislation seeks to end the heartless killing of babies who survive abortions. While eradicating abortion completely would be ideal, certainly a good starting point is outlawing the butchering of survivors from botched abortion procedures. This issue, at least, cannot be clouded by false arguments of “the baby is not really a baby – just a clump of cells”. Instead, the living, breathing, perfectly formed infant is right there unconcealed, and the decision becomes very simple – either render life-saving care or simply throw the infant in the nearest rubbish bin. One simply cannot make any convincing argument in favour of the latter – our God-given consciences testify that it is wrong. Moreover, Australia has signed an international agreement, namely the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which dictates in Article 6 that, “State parties recognise that every child has the inherent right to life.” Has Australia slipped so far as to say that a baby who survives an abortion and who is alive outside the mother’s womb is still not a child – that they are just foetuses or some other pro-abortion, de-humanizing term? Every child has a right to life, and woe to anyone who will deprive a child of this right, and woe to any government which allows people to legally do this. This is akin to what happened in Nazi Germany under Hitler. So, please do the right thing instead of what is popular by addressing this horrific barbarism.