

Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024

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Submission: **Supporting Robbie Katter's Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024**

My wife and I strongly support legislative moves to provide the Termination of Pregnancy Act 2018 with provisions to ensure the human rights of a child which is born alive as a result of a termination of pregnancy procedure.

The 20 March 2024 Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill introduced by Robbie Katter MP, codifies recent changes in clinical guidelines adopted by Queensland Health. They recognise the need for comprehensive care for babies born alive following termination procedures. We believe these guidelines underscore the importance of providing appropriate medical care and attention to all newborns in line with New South Wales and South Australian legislation and in accordance with international human rights standards.

The Bill seeks to clarify the legal and ethical obligations surrounding the medical care of babies born alive during termination procedures. We express in the strongest terms our support for this legislation.

Regards
Ian & Monica Hoddinott

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