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

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All Newborns Deserve 'Best-Practice' Medical Care Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024 (Committee Inquiry) Explanatory Notes to Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024 Abortion Law Reform Act 2019 (New South Wales) – section 11 (3) states "To avoid doubt, the duty owed by a registered health practitioner to provide medical care and treatment to a person born as a result of a termination is no different than the duty owed to provide medical care and treatment to a person born other than as a result of a termination." Termination of Pregnancy Act 2021 (South Australia) – section 7(3) states "To avoid doubt, the duty owed by a registered health practitioner to provide medical care and treatment to a person born as a result of a termination is no different than the duty owed to provide medical care and treatment to a person born other than as a result of a termination." Universal Declaration of Human Rights (see Article 6) Convention on the Rights of the Child (see Article 24) International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (see Article 12) Robbie Katter – Courier Mail (April 6 2024) (This article is behind a paywall, key quotes following): "When I heard Queensland lags behind other jurisdictions in ensuring these babies – these humans, these Queenslanders – are properly cared for and treated, I was compelled to develop this Bill with the KAP," "It protects right to life; the protection from torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment; the protection of families and children; and right to health services," "The former health minister and now Premier assured the parliament that late-term abortion would not increase under the then new laws introducing abortion up to birth. "This has proven to be horribly incorrect. "In 2018, before the abortion up to birth bill passed, 152 Queensland gestationally viable babies were killed via late-term abortion.

"By 2021, however, the number had doubled, with 304 Queensland babies tragically killed in late-term abortions. "More late-term abortions mean more live births after a late-term abortion. In just the last two years that we have data for, 90 Queensland newborns were born alive after an abortion and did not have a legislative right to care and to be treated equally like all other newborns." "Leaving them alone to die in a room by themselves or in a medical waste bin or wherever should be something that should not even be contemplated."