

Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024

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Submission to the Health, Environment and Agriculture Committee in regard to the Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024:

I support this Bill.

Babies born alive after failed termination are living human beings just as I am.

They have a heart beat; are breathing, moving, crying, emotional beings who feel pain, thirst, hunger, fear and comfort just as I do.

They may not be wanted by their parents, but that does not mean they should be killed.

Depriving a living human being of sustenance is actually murder.

If the baby who survived a termination was taken home alive and then deprived of sustenance, the parents would be charged with either murder or manslaughter, depending on the circumstances. There is no difference between dying from neglect in a kidney dish or waste bin in hospital and dying from neglect in a cot at home.

It is very clear, babies born after failed termination should be given sustenance and provided a home, whether it be with their natural parents or by adoption. There are many parents in Australia who want a baby.