

Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024

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My name is Ian Brearley - I am 75 years young. I was a wild and angry young man in the hippie scene near Innisfail in December 1974, when an old bloke told me about Jesus, and what He had done to help me to get into Heaven. I jumped at the chance, and now, almost 50 years later, I have learned many things. One thing is this - all those of us considering the import of this Bill, have been allowed to live - we weren't snuffed out before we had even drawn our first breath. We had the chance at life, and we didn't even get a say in the matter. Some years ago, I saw a survey done of 1,000 thalidomide babies who were now adults. They asked them all - "Do you wish you had been aborted?" 10% said yes, 90% said no. To me, this is very telling. These people have their little flipper arms and legs, and would only be able to live a very limited life as we know it, and yet 90% of the said they were thankful to have been given their chance at life. I think we can extrapolate this to the harmless little babies (Queenslanders) being snuffed out in such numbers - I think it would be pretty safe to say, that at least 90% of them would love to live. What do you think?