

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

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### Submitter Comments:

I am a counsellor, educator, parent and grandparent who is deeply grieved that people in our medical profession who work hard to promote health sustain life are placed in a position of withholding care from our most vulnerable human beings. To deny any person the right to medical care is against the very nature of what it means for us to be human, regardless of race and religion, as we are designed to live in community and care for each other. As a citizen of our great Nation, I cannot comprehend that there is even a need to bring this to a parliamentary bill when we are signatories to the United Nations Paris Declaration of Human Rights (10 December 1948) and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (20 November 1989) which demonstrate absolutely the need to protect human life. The clinical guidelines adopted by Qld Health in section 5.4.3 Born with signs of life states "Live birth following a termination of pregnancy is an uncommon outcome." In 2018, before the abortion up to birth law was introduced in Qld there were 152 gestationally viable babies killed via late-term abortion. In just a few years (2021) following the introduction of the law, 304 gestationally viable babies were killed by late-term abortions. This is an atrocity. Action is needed NOW to stop our babies being killed. Sanctity of human life is at stake. There is no one more vulnerable than a newborn infant regardless of the circumstances surrounding the birth. I appeal to our government to give serious consideration to ensuring all people are given the right to care to preserve life, especially in this instance, infants.