

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

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I am a former registered nurse, mother and grandmother who is writing in support of the Inquiry into Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024. In the last two years alone, 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 a newborn baby to die alone without care or comfort is paramount to torture! This is totally inhumane, unethical, immoral and in breach of international human rights declarations, conventions and covenants. Please see below articles 1. Article 6 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights asserts the inherent right to life and states that "everyone has the right to life, liberty, and security of person." <https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights2>. Similarly, Article 24 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child recognises the right of every child to the highest attainable standard of health and calls for the provision of necessary medical care and attention to newborns. <https://www.ohchr.org/en/instruments-mechanisms/instruments/convention-rights-child3>. International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights, in Article 12, emphasises the right of everyone to enjoy the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health. This includes the provision of medical care and necessary social services to ensure the well-being of individuals, including newborns born as a result of termination procedures. <https://www.ohchr.org/en/instruments-mechanisms/instruments/international-covenant-economic-social-and-cultural-rights> Queensland needs this amendment to ensure that babies born alive after a termination are treated with the same care and respect as all newborn babies. Thank you for your time. Regards, Jacqui