

Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024

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To Whom It May Concern.

Please find attached my submission to the Health, Environment & Agriculture Committee regarding the Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024.

I request that my submission be included and considered by the committee when deliberating this very important bill.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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The Secretary
Health, Environment & Agriculture Committee
Queensland State Parliament

Dear Sir/Madam,

It has come to my attention that Mr Robbie Katter MP, Member for Traeger, has introduced the Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024 into the Queensland Parliament and referred it to your committee for examination. This letter is in support of Mr Katter's bill.

I would very much like your committee to recommend that Queensland Health (and the medical profession as a whole in Queensland), recognise the basic human right of babies born alive through the abortion process to be given the care and medical attention of any other baby born alive in Queensland.

In 2018 I petitioned and wrote a submission to the government to please NOT change the abortion laws and to NOT introduce the abortion to birth legislation that we now have in Queensland. My plea, and thousands of others like mine were ignored and now we have babies being born alive who are denied basic medical care. This is a shameful and barbaric practice and must stop!

I can't imagine how this must affect the medical staff who are trained to give care and comfort to their patients, having to deny these tiny humans the medical care that is universally recognised as a human right. What a dreadful situation!

Please consider carefully, and recommend that these babies must be cared for in a dignified and humane way, with the medical attention they require. It would be most preferable for these babies born alive to be given the opportunity to live and thrive with a family who would dearly love to have them. (I include here an excerpt from my submission to the Chair of the Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee, Mr Aaron Harper MP Queensland dated 3 September, 2018. "I experienced for many, many years the heartbreak of not being able to have my own children, and being told that the waiting list for adoption in Queensland at that time was 10 years. My husband and I were unable to afford overseas adoption and so therefore, having our own family seemed impossible for us. The very thought of babies being killed for convenience sake is just so incredibly grievous that I can hardly find the words to express such a deep sadness for the would be mothers and for a society that would deem this acceptable, let alone lawful. I implore you to please, please, please consider these little lives, consider the devastation of those couples who are not able to have their own children but would dearly love them, and consider a society where it is deemed OK to 'terminate' the innocent.")

Yours sincerely,

Kerry Barham