

Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024

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To Whom it may concern

The current legislation, which allows abortion up to birth, undermines the values of a civilised society. It is wrong to kill a viable human being. Most people recognise this. A YouGov Galaxy poll in August 2018, showed that only 6% of Queenslanders supported abortion after 23 weeks. Nevertheless, the legislation was passed.

Having worked on a neo-natal ward, I have seen babies delivered as early as 24 weeks fighting for life. Many of them survive with assistance. The current legislation has no protection for the lives of babies who survive an abortion. According to existing data for the past two years, 90 babies were born alive in Queensland after a failed abortion. To the best of my knowledge, they were left to die alone, without any form of comfort. As a woman, mother and grandmother, I am horrified by this.

A civilised society is judged by its treatment of its most vulnerable members. The abortion procedure itself is barbaric, carried out without pain relief, when medical science clearly reveals that a foetus has detectable brain activity after 8 week's gestation and experiences pain. To leave a new born baby to die alone is unconscionable.

Please do everything in your power to ensure that this Bill is passed.

Thank you for considering the contents of my email.

Regards

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