

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

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### Submitter Comments:

I support the Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024. This Bill is necessary because the Termination of Pregnancy Act 2018 does not address the situation when a child is born alive as a result of a termination of pregnancy procedure. Queensland Health has recently recognised the need for care for such babies born alive with their clinical guidelines and these need to be reinforced and clarified by law. It is important that the law be clear with regard to the medical care of babies born alive however that may come about. Article 6 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights asserts that "everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person." Article 24 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child calls for necessary medical care for newborns. Article 12 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights includes newborns born as a result of termination procedures in its assertion of rights to medical care for everyone. Queensland needs this amendment in order to be in line with international human rights standards and even corresponding laws in New South Wales and South Australia. All newborns should be entitled to best-practice medical care.