

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

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To the Secretary Health, Environment and Agriculture Committee.

Abortion has been legal in Queensland from the conception to full-term since the Termination of Pregnancy Act 2018 came into effect on December 3rd, 2018.

However, unlike similar laws in South Australia and New South Wales the Queensland Termination of Pregnancy Act is silent on what happens when a child is born alive as a result of termination of a pregnancy procedure.

To address this issue I ask that the Termination of Pregnancy ( Live Births ) Amendment Bill 2024 be enacted in order to protect and properly care for babies born alive after termination.

In support of this legislation I refer to the Termination of Pregnancy Act 2021, South Australia and in particular - section 7(3) which states " To avoid doubt , the duty owed by a registered health practitioner to provide medical care and treatment to a person born as a result of termination is no different than the duty owed to provide medical care and treatment to a person born other than as a result of a termination of pregnancy."

I thank you for considering this submission and look forward to a response in due time.

Kind regards

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