

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

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Dear Health, Environment and Agriculture Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a Submission re the Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024

By way of background my husband and I are just ordinary people who have 2 living sons, who are happily married now, giving us 5 grandchildren between them and 1 baby who died at about 10 weeks in my womb but didn't leave my body naturally for a further 3 – 4 weeks. This can be a traumatic situation and more so if we had chosen to abort this child. We are Pro-Life.

Here is my Submission with my recommendation.

I request the Queensland Government **enshrine in legislation** the protection for babies born alive as a result of an abortion.

I believe that these babies should have the same degree of medical care, treatment and attention as a baby born in any other way and not left alone to die in a room by themselves or in a metal dish or in a medical waste bin. Such an inhumane practice.

The Queensland Health's Termination of Pregnancy Clinical Guideline now states:

5.4.3. Born with signs of life. Live birth following a termination of pregnancy is an uncommon outcome. If a baby is born with signs of life, provide care appropriate to the individual clinical circumstances and in accordance with best practice guidelines.

[https://www.health.qld.gov.au/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0029/735293/g-top.pdf](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0029/735293/g-top.pdf)

I want our Queensland Law to reflect what the Queensland Health's Guidelines are. See the proposed Bill.

Also our Queensland legislation should be consistent with the legislation relating to live births following abortions in South Australia and New South Wales and in accordance with international human rights standards.

I want to remind you of what was decided in the

United Nations General Assembly in Paris on 10 December 1948 (General Assembly resolution 217A – Article 3

United Nations General Assembly 20 November 1989 (General Assembly resolution 44/25 – Article 24

United Nations General Assembly 16 December 1966 (General Assembly resolution 2200A (XXI) – Article 12

- **Article 3 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-rights>
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- **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-child>
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- **Article 12 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights**, 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>

If you are worried about what will happen to these babies once they no longer need care, well there are many suitable couples who are longing to have a baby but can't because there are not enough going for Adoption each year.

I am writing as I know that many more people also hold my views but are unsure of sending in a submission of their own!

BTW I just sent my submission via the website but I decided to do it here as well in case I made a mistake on the other.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Crowe.

These contact details below are not to be published but I believe that you need them to process my Submission.

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