

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

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### Submitter Comments:

I am an 'ordinary', 'every day', concerned citizen I am making this submission in support of Robbie Katter's Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024. The proposed Bill seeks to clarify the legal and ethical obligations surrounding the medical care of babies born alive during termination procedures. The Bill carries significant weight from a human rights perspective and deserves to be debated and resolved favorably by Parliament. 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". Similarly, Article 24 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child recognizes the rights of EVERY child to the highest attainable standard of health and calls for provision of necessary medical care and attention to newborns. The standard of care for babies born alive after a 'botched' termination procedure, should be no different to that of other 'newborns', particularly the extra care given to premature babies who need to be placed in a neonatal intensive care unit. The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, in Article 12, emphasizes 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 who are born as a result of termination procedures.