

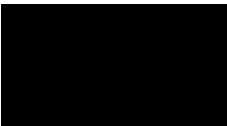
## Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024

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## **Submission on Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024**

I state my full support for the proposed Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024 for the reasons listed below.

1. The Bill does not impact in any way on the access to abortion since the abortion has already occurred. Its sole purpose is to ensure that, if a child is born alive after an abortion, that child is entitled to have its human rights fully protected under Queensland law.
2. The Bill merely proposes an amendment to the Queensland abortion law to make it clear that, if a live birth occurs after an abortion, the child will be treated no differently from any other child born in Queensland.
3. The Bill provides legislative protection to the guideline changes that have already been made in October 2023 by Queensland Health concerning live births after an abortion.
4. Data for the two years 2021, 2022 record that 90 babies were born alive after an abortion. These babies did not have a legislative right to be cared for and treated equally like all mother newborns.
5. The fundamental issue is that babies born alive after an abortion should be guaranteed the same human rights as all newborns.
6. To leave babies born alive after abortion to die without any care at all is a barbarism that is a shame on a State that is committed to preserving the human rights of all its citizens.



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