Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024

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In Article 3 of the Human Rights Declaration it states that everyone has the right to life. What madness would allow healthy babies in the womb to be aborted, and babies born alive and well to be neglected so that they die?

Yesterday I travelled from Ballarat to the Melbourne airport with a lovely young lady whose mother was advised by the medical profession to abort her during pregnancy. Thankfully her mother refused, and now she is a school teacher in Brisbane, in training to become a Drama director. In Ballarat I watched her train a cast to perform a drama in the Federal University and the Australian Catholic University.

What a shame if the mother had agreed to the 'medical experts' who predicted that her baby would somehow be defective.

Please reject any attempt to kill healthy children

Sincerely

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- 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 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.
- International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights, in Article 12, 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.