

Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024

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As members of the committee examining and considering the Bill to provide appropriate care to babies born alive after abortion, I urge you to consider the human rights of a baby born under these circumstances. Every child born, in whatever circumstance has the basic human right to care and compassion. It is not the baby's fault that it is born into such a situation of lack of care. Lack of care for a newborn (and its mother) in situations where a child is wanted and welcomed would be prosecuted under law if such neglect were to be practised; and so it should be. To leave an aborted child to die if it survives the cruelty of abortion is full of horror and deeply wrong (in human and moral) terms, but not under the legal terms of the State Legislature in Queensland. How illogical and callous can we be. How our midwives and our birth mothers must emerge with deep conflict after such an experience? I consider the members of the committee and all elected members of our Parliament to uphold the human rights of children born alive after abortion. Please, out of your deepest sense of human justice and compassion, legislate to protect children born alive after abortion and provide them with all care and protection possible. I, as many ordinary people I speak to in the community, expect our elected members to act with a strong life ethic. We do not want lawmakers to promote the 'culture of death'. All and each life is sacred. It should not be ended, especially in cruel neglect, by human whim or decision. Please support the care of babies born alive after abortion.