Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024

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To the Honorable Members of the Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission on the Katter Bill. I support the passing of this bill for the following reasons.My understanding of the law in Queensland is that when a child has been delivered from its mother it is recognized as an individual human being with all the rights generally accorded to other people in this state. If a child is delivered alive, then they have the right to expect the same medical care, regardless of the circumstances of their birth. To treat children born alive as a result of an abortion differently to a child naturally delivered prematurely just because one birth is natural and the other is deliberately contrived is wholly unacceptable in any civilized society and must not remain in our laws in Queensland. We would be in danger of putting value on a person because of their 'wantedness'.The Bill states quite rightly that the 2018 abortion law offers no protection for babies born alive as a result of an abortion, that the clinical guidelines have been changed once to now state that these children should be treated as human beings and given every opportunity to survive and thrive, (previously the guidelines recommended that these children should be left to die), and that unless this 'clinical guideline' is enshrined in law there is no requirement that health professionals, often those who sought to kill the child by abortion in the first place, actively support these children's lives. It is quite possible that those who perform abortion do not know what the current guidelines are!Clinical guidelines are not binding on doctors and other health professionals.

Please recommend that this Bill be passed so that Queensland treats, and can be seen to treat, all innocent citizens equally. Thank you, Yours sincerely, Anne Coyle