

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

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### Submitter Comments:

I support the proposed Bill because: 1. If a live birth occurs after an abortion the child needs to be treated no differently to any other child born in Qld2. the Bill does not block access to abortion 3. the Bill provides legislative protection to the guideline changes made by Qld Health in Oct 2023 concerning live births after an abortion4 for the years 2021 and 2022 data shows that 90 Qld newborns were born alive after an abortion and these babies did not have a legislative right to care or treated equally like other newborns 5. babies born alive and left otherwise to die shows a barbaric cruelty supported with impunity by legislators and those doing the procedures. The underpinning of a disregard for life does impact the mental attitudes of society to accept that life is disposable. This disposable mentality permeates society where particularly for women they are disposed of cruelly in domestic violence and no one wonders why do men have this cruel flaw in them? Because society changes laws to legally dispose of human life and the disposal of unwanted babies is the most cruel and widespread practice on earth that takes more lives annually than all wars and murders annually. If this practise was done to animals and animal rights organisations gained access to videos and data of it, there would be an international outcry and harsh repercussions against the perpetrators, but for babies people turn a blind eye.You the committee can make a stand and send a strong message to society that human life must be protected and support the Bill or continue with the consequences that plague society that diminish life as a disposable commodity that warrants a total lack of care and dignity.I note that Section 21A of the Child Protection Act 1999 enables Child Safety Services to take appropriate action when it suspects an unborn child may be at risk of harm after birth. The purpose is not to interfere with the rights or liberties of the pregnant woman, but to provide assistance and support that would reduce the likelihood her child will be subject to abuse or neglect after birth.<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/patient-safety/duty-of-care/child-protection-education-resources>It is paradoxical that care is legally afforded and obliged under Child Protection legislation and ignored concurrently. Given the depravity witnessed by the Royal Commission into Institutional Child Abuse, there is a widespread under current in society that at the non-institutional level babies both unborn and just born, if unwanted, can be treated as sub-human which is reminiscent of atrocities in WWII which we fought to defeat. It is therefore incumbent on this Committee to ensure that babies born alive are given a right to life.