

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

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Public Submission by Patrick Arendse.

Hi, my name is Patrick and I am a father of 5 gorgeous kids and we are privileged to call Brisbane our home.

When the sperm fertilises the egg, something truly remarkable happens. A new soul is created by God and the universe is forever changed. Something now exists which was never before and forever will be. That soul is a human person and whether in the womb or outside the womb it is a human person - embryo, fetus, newborn, infant, toddler, child, adult, etc. are but different life stages of the human person. Every person has a God given dignity and the most basic right of every person is the right to life. Every baby born alive is a human person and deserves the proper care fitting to ensure it is protected, nourished, given healthcare as required, etc. A society that neglects the most vulnerable and defenceless in their time of need is a sign of much worse to come. For what trajectory is such a society on?

During the last state elections someone wisely said, abortion is the most pressing and pertinent issue of our time for if a government denies the human being his or her fundamental right to life, how can that government be trusted with having the best interest of anyone else at heart?

As stated above, by allowing unborn to die unaided and without any medical care, compassion and assistance is to violate two fundamental rights - the right to life and the right to dignity of the human person. If the QLD government fails to provide protection to the most vulnerable and defenceless, where are we as a society heading?

I thus urge the committee to please recommend that the QLD Parliament pass this legislation.

Best regards.

Patrick Arendse

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