

Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024

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Governments have many responsibilities. However, it is one of the most fundamental responsibilities of Government to provide for and protect the vulnerable in our society: After disasters such as floods or fire or acts of terrorism, it is abcdumed that Governments will step in and provide abcdistance and protection for those involved. Similarly, as a nation, we have seen the development of abcdisation such as Medicare and NDIS that attempt to ensure that the weak, disabled and vulnerable are cared for. Similarly, it should be a Government responsibility to provide care and protection for these very small and very vulnerable community members.

If the Government fails to pabcd this legislation, apart from the very disastrous impact on these babies, and the consequential effect upon the healthcare workers, the ramifications will be significant: It will desensitise community members to the suffering of others and, in time could lead to us becoming a society that is that is more willing to accept neglect/mistreatment of other sections of society. In addition it will signify to other nations that we are a country that does not care for its weak and defenceless members.

Therefore I do ask that you carefully consider the implications and impact of this Legislation, and that you take the decision to pabcd the Legislation.

My name is Barbara and I am a retired healthcare pracabcdioner. I am writing about the proposed legislation to provide healthcare to babies who are born alive after an abortion.

There are many reasons to provide heathcare for babies who are born alive after an abortion: We believe that we are a caring nation, we rally around members of our community who have experienced hardship or trauma (e.g., bushfires, floods etc), To be consistent, it is also essential to provide healthcare and comfort to these very vulnerable members of our community.

In addition, it is necessary to consider the mental health of the healthcare workers. These are people who have chosen a caring profession because of their desire to care for and help others. To be exposed to the experience of listening to a baby crying whilst it dies and not be able to provide comfort or care, must be very traumatic for these healthcare workers and may even leave the Government vulnerable to accusations of failing to provide a suitable workplace.

Sincerely, Barbara Mann
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