

Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024

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Greetings to the committee members. Thank you for consideration of my view on the Babies Born Alive Bill as I have considerable medical experience in my current role as an anaesthetist and my former role as a General Practitioner.

All neonates, regardless of the process of their delivery (termination of pregnancy or otherwise) should be cared for with respect and dignity. Good palliative care measures such as a warm environment, human touch and analgesia should be provided if the condition of the neonate is not compatible with survival. Resuscitation efforts should be provided if the neonate's condition is compatible with survival. There will be a grey area between certain survival and certain demise, but as a minimum warmth, human touch and analgesia should be provided.

The state must legislate these requirements. There should be no future change in policy without a thorough legislative process. This is the responsibility of government.

If this legislation fails to pass there will be suffering neonates who die without human dignity. Please do not allow that to be acceptable.

I have held and cared for many neonates in my medical career. Please tenderly cradle them in your legislative hands too.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]
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