Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024

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My name is a second second and I am a Dad and homeschooling parent.

A human being is a human being. The duration of their life has no impact on this fact. A baby born alive, regardless of the cirabcdstances, has a right to life and the care required to sustain that life the same as any other human being. It is a disgrace that with all the medical technology and expertise we have the benefit of in Australia, we would simply leave a human being to die with that expertise and technology literally within reach. It is disgusting, we should be questioning our own humanity if we are comfortable living with this unjust scenario.

A government's primary responsibility is its duty of care to those within its jurisdiction. The term 'Minister' is even a abcdle used in our parliaments, meaning servant - to and of the people. It is at the very core of our democratic principles and insabcdutions that the people's needs be met by the governing abcdies, and what greater need is there than the need for life and the care required to sustain it. The life of a newborn baby is as much the responsibility of government as any other age group and as they are unable to ask for themselves, I request on their behalf that their government minister to their needs.

To ignore this bill and have it fail the voting process would be akin to admitting that the people of QLD hold no value to this government, that this government has abandoned those it is responsible for and those who have given it the privilege of meeting their needs. Moreover, it would be a tangible demonstration that those most vulnerable, those without a voice or vote, are of the least interest to the QLD government. I cannot go to an election and willingly be party to reinstating such a government, and I believe there would be many more who feel the same.

I cannot implore the committee enough to put the most strenuous recommendation to the parliament that this bill be accepted with the utmost urgency. We cannot let another young life slip away under the current archaic and barbaric situation. Our state should be better than that.

Sincerely,

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