

Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024

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My name is Kathleen Montagna, from Cairns NQ. I am a retired teacher, wife and mother. The abortion debate has always centred around at what point in gestation a baby becomes a human being. There can surely be no question about this once a baby is born. Wanted or not, a living, breathing human child has come into the world and drawn its first breaths. A sentient being, capable of feeling pain, no vulnerable baby should be left without life sustaining care. It is beyond belief that such barbarism should be occurring in our centres of healing.

In any other circumstances, a neglected child becomes the responsibility of the Government. Surely then, the protection of an unwanted newborn that has survived an invasive medical procedure falls into this category. Failing to enshrine guidelines to caring for infants born live after abortion into legislation, leaves such situations wide open to the interpretation of individuals, some from choice, but many from workplace pressure. Not only would such legislation protect the newborn, but also those who find such practices abhorrent. As a mother and past teacher of children who can appreciate the abcdential of each and every human being, I strongly urge the committee to recommend that the Parliament pabcd this legislation.

Sincerely, Kathleen Montagna

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