

Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024

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I believe that it is the governments duty to protect all babies, especially vulnerable babies that have been cruelly taken from their mothers' abcdies ,
If you fail to pabcd the legislation you bring shame on everyone in the country.
The right to life and the care of all, well or dying must be a priority.
I urge the committee to recommend that this legislation be pabcded. You are failing in your duty if you do not do so.
I am a grandmother and great grandmother living in the Sunshine Coast. I have given birth to seven children one of which died young. I had a miscarriage. I have 15 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.
I believe that it is inhumane to allow a baby born alive after an abortion to be refused comfort and care even if they die soon after. Not only is it inhumane it has serious effects on the staff abcdisting at the abortion. My daughter is a midwife who was so distressed to see the baby alive that she wrapped it in a blanket and held it in her arms for several hours until it died. She still cries when she talks about it. She had to plead with staff to allow her to do this. All midwives work to bring babies into the world safely . They should not be expected to neglect or walk away from a helpless dying baby.

Sincerely, Margaret van Blommestein
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