

## Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024

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I do urge the Committee to recommend that the Parliament pass this legislation. We are seen to be a civilised, caring society. Let us prove that this is true. We don't just present a front to the world - let us show that we really do care for those in desperate need.

I am a mother and grandmother living in Kearneys Spring. My husband and I had a beef cattle property between Warwick and Stanthorpe, but at 89 I am definitely retired.

Abortion is a gruesome procedure and a baby who survives this is as deserving of life as any other child. This is a Person, a human being desperately in need of care, a person made in the image of God.

We elect a Government to protect us as a country, to protect us as individuals and to provide schools, hospitals, roads etc for which we pay through taxes, but the most fundamental responsibility of any Government is to protect those who cannot protect themselves. A new-born baby rejected by his or her parents certainly comes under this heading. The baby deserves every care, and will hopefully be adopted into a loving home

If the Government fails to pass this legislation babies who survive abortion will be left on a slab to die, untended, uncared for. This is caused by neglect - and who would want to be responsible for that. We are all responsible for our actions and will one day have to answer for what we have done and what we have failed to do.

Sincerely, Rowan Shann  
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