

Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024

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If the government fails to pass this legislation, many living, breathing newborn babies risk dying. For the past two years, data has shown that 90 Queensland babies were born alive after an abortion. With the appropriate healthcare and legal protection, they could very easily be brought into the adoption system for parents who are looking for a baby to love and raise as their own.

I urge the committee to recommend that the Parliament pass this legislation. It is sound, just and legally balanced in considering the right to life of newborn babies, who are just as worthy of legal protections as other newborn babies. There is no distinction in their fundamental right to life, and deserve the chance to live a full life if they can be adopted into families who will love and care for them.

Thank you for considering my submission regarding the Queensland Babies Born Alive Bill. I live in Sydney Australia and have a keen interest regarding matters involving the right to life, particularly for newborn babies. This Bill is important because it will reinforce the just principle of birth equality. A baby born (who is wanted by its mother) and a baby born (who may be unwanted by its mother) are still living, breathing babies. There is no difference in their right to life as a brand new, living, breathing human being. In the interests of justice and fairness, the law needs to recognise this and protect those who are unable to speak up for and protect their own new right to life.

The Bill does not impact access to abortion. It merely ensure that if a child is born alive, they are enabled to have their human rights fully protected under Queensland law - just as any other newborn baby would.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

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