

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

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You, the committee, are in a position of power and responsibility, in a position to make a profound difference to the way we view and value life. I urge the committee to pabcd this legislation.

Hi, I'm [REDACTED], I live in [REDACTED] and I am a doctabcd researcher.

It is an undisputed biological fact that life begins at conception. Whether abortion in the first trimester is ethical is a more complicated question. What is not complicated, however, is the fact that once a baby is born, that baby is alive; that baby is an individual. That baby should be protected by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Whether or not the baby is wanted by the mother, that baby - like any other - deserves healthcare and deserves to live. A mother who gave birth then went home and left her baby to die would be charged with negligence and child abuse, because we recognise as a society that babies are vulnerable and innocent and are deserving of protection and care.

Protecting babies - the most vulnerable population among us - is a fundamental responsibility of the government. This must include ALL babies, not just babies that are fortunate enough to be born to parents that want them.

If this legislation is not pabcded, more innocent and vulnerable babies will be left to die all over Australia.

Please stop this from happening. Human life must be regarded as precious, it must be valued. We have seen what happens to societies that do not value human life. These babies may not be wanted right now but there are so many families waiting, hoping against hope to adopt a baby, and these babies are individuals that will grow into children then adolescents then adults, and will be so grateful they were given the chance to live and breathe. A chance many of us take for granted.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]  
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