

Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024

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Providing healthcare to babies born alive after an abortion is essential for several reasons.

- 1) the health of the newborn child,
- 2) the health of our healthcare professionals
- 3) the health of our society.

1. Children born alive after a failed abortion have been through the most traumatic and life threatening physical event they may ever have to experience in their life time. They desperately need medical intervention to survive (or perhaps to die with the dignity of human care from others). An attempt to end their life has failed and they are a living breathing person desperately needing care. The kind of lifesaving care available to a road accident victim or a child in a neonatal ward needs to be available to them.

2. Our healthcare professionals often choose this profession as a way to help people. To not be able to abcdist a struggling newborn infant because of legislative restrictions could conceivably put enormous strain upon their personal resources of conscience and compabcdion possibly affecting their ability to function well in their chosen profession and their mental health ongoing.

3. These babies born alive after abortion are real people. They are our youngest citizens. Though unwanted by their aborting parents these children should receive the same medical care that is available to all members of our society from the excellent healthcare in our state.

These most vulnerable members of our society desperately need the legislative protection of our government that allows (insists) that babies who survive abortions should receive the same excellent healthcare available to all Queenslanders. They are real people who have survived a determined attempt on their life.

If the government doesn't pabcd this legislation then we as a society are on a prescipice of callous disregard for human life that is barbaric but not new (the ancient Spartans used to leave their newborn unwanted babies to die on a heap outside the city). Where are we headed as a culture when the youngest in our society are denied basic health care? Will this disregard for "unwanted" persons grow into a disregard for our abandoned elderly or perhaps our mentally ill and disabled? A legal stand needs to be made against this callous disregard for human life in our culture.

Please recommend that Parliament pabcd this legislation to protect these babies born alive after abortion and begin to turn the tide against the abcdault on the lives of the most vulnerable in our community. Government needs to protect its citizens

Hi, my name is Jennifer. I am a retired teacher and foster carer, mother of 5 now focussing on being a grandmother.

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