

Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024

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I believe all humans regardless of age are enabled to the best healthcare possible to ensure their safety, protection and well-being are looked after.

Section 16 of the Human Rights Act 2019 (Qld) says that:

Every person has the right to life and has the right not to be arbitrarily deprived of life.

Whether this person be a newborn baby born alive after a failed termination, a mother needing emergency medical care at birth or person needing a life saving operation after a vehicle accident... All of these people are enabled to the best medical care possible to ensure they are not "deprived of life".

When a newborn is born alive after a failed abortion they are no longer one with their birth mother. Regardless of whether the parent has approved the abortion this child is legally a human being with the "right to life" just like any other child. When one of my children was diagnosed with a genetic abnormality prior to birth, part of the healthcare plan provided by our local public hospital was to have medical staff and equipment on standby to ensure he was given the best chance if things went south. Fortunately, the breathing machines weren't needed but I'm thankful he was seen as important enough to be extended the care if he needed it. These babies need the government to stand up for them when they can't speak up for themselves. The government's role is to ensure all the vulnerable people in our country are given the best possible care. I'm proud to live in a country that provides care to all regardless of race, gender, religion and status. Let's ensure that age and the most vulnerable new born children are also catered for by the government.

If the government does nothing and just stands by they are responsible for infanticide of thousands of babies. I highly urge the committee to stand with compassion to care for the most vulnerable in our society by ensuring all babies regardless of whether they are wanted or unwanted are provided the best medical care for their well-being.

Hi,
I am a mother of 5 children in [REDACTED].

Sincerely, [REDACTED]
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