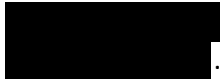# Health and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2023

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Dear Committee members,
Ref: Health and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2023

I am deeply concerned about specific provisions contained in the above bill, in particular the amendment to the Termination of Pregnancy Act 2018 to allow registered nurses, midwives, and aboriginal health care workers to administer the termination of pregnancy medication MS-2 STEP without undergoing necessary training.

Dr Gino Pecoraro OAM, president of the National Association of Specialist Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (NASOG), has estimated that 5% of all medical abortions result in complications and cites the dangers of having untrained nurses, midwives, and aboriginal healthcare workers prescribing this medication without the necessary training and aftercare health services which are not available in many hospitals in regional Queensland. Dr Pecoraro is very concerned about the unnecessary loss of life of pregnant mothers through no fault of their own if the Queensland Parliament passes this amendment.

I am also concerned that this bill does not allow nurses, midwives, and Aboriginal healthcare workers the right not to administer MS-2 if they feel they are not suitably trained to perform this procedure.

I request that the Health and Environment Committee recommends that the Queensland Parliament does not pass the Health and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2023 without the house first amending the bill and providing for the necessary training of all termination of pregnancy healthcare workers, providing for better regional health services in Queensland, and providing that all nurses, midwives, and Aboriginal healthcare workers have the professional right not to administer MS-2 STEP if the patient's life is at risk.

Yours faithfully,

Paul Barry