I am a working mother and grandmother and even though I don't have time to put together a proper submission addressing all the terms of reference, I still want to at least let the committee know how strongly I myself and our organisation feel about this issue.

This is what we think.

It is untenable to fathom the money and effort put in to saving the lives of little babies born as early as 21 weeks and in contrast the dreadful toll of the abortionist as babies the same ages are being killed.

Sometimes they are even born alive and then left to die.

Who says when a baby is "viable?" Surely if they are being successfully nurtured from at least 21 weeks we know for sure they are viable at that age. And even if they cannot survive outside the womb on their own does that mean they are any less of a wonderful new creation with all the potential to live a human life as we have been given opportunity to live?

We believe that conception is the beginning of life and that abortion is always the act of murder.

For some babies there is no expense wavered. We value them enormously by spending much time money and effort to save them. Yet others the same age are considered to be of no value, it is ok to kill them. In fact, the Government even allows this practise to be taxpayer funded. Where is the morality or logic in this?

Why is one little one of more value than another? Or how is one little baby more a human being than another?

We commend Senator Barnett's motion to disallow this funding and hereby ask the Senate to support this very worthy motion.

Thankyou for your consideration.

Can you please forward this to the Inquiry?

Sincerely,

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