

I, Richard John Egan of
petition which contains 4945 signatures.

in the State of Western Australia, am the promoter of this

PETITION AGAINST LATE TERM ABORTIONS

To the Honourable the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We the undersigned respectfully commend to the attention of the House that:

1. The law currently permits abortion after 20 weeks of gestation if approved by two medical practitioners from a panel appointed by the Minister for Health;
2. Since 1998 fourteen babies have been born alive following post-20 week abortions but apparently left to die;
3. At 22 weeks gestation and later children born prematurely have survived and flourished;
4. By 20 weeks gestation it is likely that the unborn child can experience pain; and
5. Abortions after 20 weeks gestation are being approved for eugenic discriminatory reasons, namely that the unborn child has a physical or intellectual disability.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that you will inquire into post-20 week abortions performed in Western Australia since 1998 with a view to changing the law to prohibit all abortions after 20 weeks gestation and your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

NAME (Print in full)	ADDRESS (Print clearly)	SIGNATURE