

STOP LABOR'S LATE-TERM ABORTION BONUS

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Killing a baby after 20 weeks and up until birth entails injecting the baby's heart with potassium chloride or digoxin and is followed by the early induction of labour of that now stillborn baby.

This is a deliberate and wilful act to kill a healthy baby very late in pregnancy and deliver them stillborn.

In South Australia, **80% of late-term abortions kill healthy babies.**

Reported reason for termination

Table 6a: Reported reason for termination of pregnancy after 22 weeks and 6 days gestation, South Australia, 7 July - 31 December 2022

Reason	Number	% 22+6 week gestation	% of terminations
To save life of pregnant person or another fetus	0	0.0	0.0
Physical or mental health of the pregnant person	8	80.0	0.3
Fetal anomaly	2	20.0	0.1
Total	10	100.0	0.4

In Victoria, **1 in 2 babies who are killed via a late-term abortion are perfectly healthy** and killed in a non-emergency situation.

129 healthy babies were killed in 2020 alone for a “psychosocial reason” in Victoria – this means the baby and mother were perfectly physically healthy.

Table 2.22: Perinatal deaths as a result of termination of pregnancy, Victoria, 2020

	Stillbirths		Neonatal deaths		Total	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Termination for suspected or confirmed congenital anomaly ^a	170	27.4	43	22.1	213	26.1
Termination for <u>psychosocial indications</u> ^b	129	20.8	0	0.0	129	15.8
All other perinatal deaths	322	51.9	152	77.9	474	58.1
Total	621	100.0	195	100.0	816	100.0

^a Includes PSANZ PDC 7.62 - Termination of pregnancy for suspected but unconfirmed congenital anomaly

^b PSANZ PDC 5.1 - Termination for maternal psychosocial indication

PSANZ PDC - Perinatal Society of Australia and New Zealand Perinatal Death Classification

It is monstrous these babies are being deliberately delivered stillborn rather than delivered alive and then placed for adoption.

It is the policy of the Albanese Government to pay women for elective stillbirths (aka late-term abortions) which kill healthy babies after 20 weeks and up until birth.

Parents who deliberately kill their healthy, viable child can choose between a Stillbirth Parenting Payment of \$4255 or a Paid Parental Leave Payment of \$20,147.

The Howard Government's Baby Bonus was criticised because it incentivised teen pregnancies. This is far, far worse. Instead of receiving a \$5000 cash payment for birthing a baby at full term, the Albanese Government is now incentivising late-term abortion in half the time.

The Stillbirth Parenting Payment and/or Paid Parental Leave SHOULD NOT be available for late-term abortions which kill healthy babies after 20 weeks and deliver them stillborn.