



## FACT SHEET - Prospective Parents

### - It was assumed we would terminate

*A presumption of what prospective parents may do with results is inappropriate. It is the choice of the prospective parents.*

A termination of pregnancy is a medical procedure that is performed to end a pregnancy.

Deciding to end a pregnancy is a personal decision, which can be made for a range of reasons. In Queensland, up to 22 weeks, a woman can request a termination of pregnancy for any reason. After 22 weeks, 2 doctors must agree the termination is appropriate in the circumstances

Some parents report that they feel pressured to terminate their pregnancy following the unexpected news of a high chance result following prenatal screening. The more information you can receive about options you have - including further testing, access to supports, and adequate time for decision-making - the clearer a decision you can make that is best for you and your family.



For more information on options, costs and services, please visit:

[https://www.qld.gov.au/health/children/pregnancy/termination-of-pregnancy\\_](https://www.qld.gov.au/health/children/pregnancy/termination-of-pregnancy_)

If you would like to speak to a Support Services Officer who can support you through your journey, please complete this form so we can contact you and understand how we can best support you.

<https://prenatalscreening.org.au/support/>

## References

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