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Dear Secretariat

I would see the recommendations put forward by the QLRC as perpetuating a culture of death that has infected society. In juxtaposition, society at the same time reaches out to the marginalised, the broken and the abandoned in a culture of life. QLRC are deepening the gulf between death and life.

Of the 5 underlying principles put forward to recommend change to the abortion law, I comment as follows:

1. abortion is not a health matter as it forcibly removes a healthy baby from its mother's womb. It is not a cancerous growth or diseased organ or tissue. IVF, and Qld State legislation (unless it is changed) ie

ante natal wards, and the whole State and National apparatus that supports pregnant women to enjoy having a baby demonstrate the veracity of life for the good of society and the nation.



2. women's autonomy and health promotion is a laudable ideal, but it fundamentally denies that a baby is a viable human being and promotes its disposal of it with less care than our society cares for trees, sheep or plastic bags. There are many magnificent testimonials I have heard at pro life rallies of women who found an alternative to murdering their child's life and now cherish the relationship with that child.

3. If Qld laws are to align with contemporary international human rights obligations, then the trend of protecting the marginalised, the broken and the abandoned should be to protect the life of babies, not to discard them in the millions as happens around the world currently. This is the greatest human right to be protected, not abandoned. It is madness otherwise, on a scale that makes the number of lives lost in world wars pale into insignificance in comparison, yet we freely propose to dispose of our greatest national asset, our citizens at their most vulnerable time. Nations need defense forces to protect their citizens, yet under these proposals nations vie to legislate to remove their own citizens themselves! Australia freely removes an ANZ stadium full of humans on State of Origin night, about 65000 people, from existence <u>every year</u> through abortion.

4. Qld laws being made to be contemporary with clinical practice shows that though we consider we are advancing our civilised life, we are in fact moving more and more back to barbaric practices. The fact that QLRC wants to decriminalise the process proves that human life exists. QLRC are not wanting to decriminalise the removal of a cancerous growth because that is not a human being. Abortion is criminal because it strikes at the threshold of human existence and will always remain so as a fact in itself.

5. Qld laws being made broadly consistent with other Australian jurisdictions reinforces the fact that even up to full term abortions can be carried out in states like Victoria makes our society no better than what ISIS did which the world heaved in opposition to. I cannot imagine how a doctor, nurse, pregnant Mum or politician can undertake or even propose such barbaric changes as advancing our State and I am ashamed of the horrid proposals put forward by the Qld ALP. Every ABC news report of assaults on new born little infants draws a world of criticism such as:

1. the police officer who killed his 2 month old child:

and

2. a mother is jailed for the lack of supervision and death of her 9 month old baby in a bath

and

3. Brock Wall has received LIFE IN PRISON for the gruesome axe murder of his pregnant partner:

These findings of guilt proves the criminality and it is still a criminal matter to take a baby's life in its mother's womb. Again, if under QLRC's logic the baby in the articles above were terminated at full term, no one will care less. It is a complete tragedy given that we have concluded a Royal Commission into Child Abuse and this proposed legislation is before the Family Violence Prevention Committee considering legalising the most gruesome deaths of unborn human beings. It is utterly paradoxical. Trees, sheep and sharks stand a better chance of protection in Qld than the cradle of society.

The Committee should reflect on the fact if it proposes to support the decriminalisation that you legalise someone effectively to go into an ante natal ward and nonchalantly as this is what QLRC are exactly proposing for abortion clinics.

These 2 recent news articles prove the veracity of the existence of a separate human being to that of its mother.

Premature twins born at 25 weeks thriving after fight of their lives

Born 15 weeks premature and given a 50-50 chance of survival, Tasmanian twins Xavier and Lachlan Pead are now th...

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Major breakthrough with new therapy for premature babies

With 16-month-old Harry Campbell squirming in his mother's arms, parents Belinda and Ivan have told of thei...

However if it is legalised, I imagine the school provisions for protecting unborn children from attack will be repealed as well, assault of a pregnant woman will be meaningless as the child in the womb will be argued legally is not a child but just tissue of the woman's body which is NOT a criminal act anymore to remove right up until birth.

QLRC and this Family Violence Prevention Committee should be focusing its time and work on assisting helping women who end up in a predicament to be generous with their new life they harbour, rather than line the pockets of abortionists with money by giving a baby a grisly and gruesome death. A laudable scheme is reported this week in the ABC:



Tasmanian teen mum's support program goes national

After becoming pregnant at 16, Bernadette Black said people looked at me critically and judgmentally — now, the ...

and those couples who are unsuccessful at IVF clinics and those looking for adoption who would love that child that you are about to condemn to death. This is what you should be promoting, Life, NOT Death.

Turn selfishness into generosity as every unborn child is a person in their own right waiting to be loved.

PLEASE REJECT THIS BILL AS IT UNLEASHES EXTREME VIOLENCE ON THE UNBORN CHILD AND AS BROCK WALL RECEIVED, IS A LIFE IN PRISON CRIMINAL ACT.

Regards

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