AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENT

There is a Bill before the Parliament which presumes that Members of this Legislative Body have the right to decide who can live and who can die, even if they are innocent.

Don't we have Laws that protect all innocent life; even the lives of all indigenous Australian animals!

Haven't we abandoned the death penalty, even for those guilty of murder!?

On what grounds can the Parliament begin to consider killing unborn babies?

I heard a pro-abortion doctor, on radio, argue that an unborn baby does not have a central nervous system (CNS). Is this a legal definition of what causes a 'foetus' to become a human being?

If that is the case when does the CNS become active and the foetus becomes a human being protected by law?

The legislation proposes that abortions can be performed up to 22 weeks - no reason required; and up to birth with the agreement of two doctors -no documentation required.

We know that babies have survived when born at 22 weeks with good neo-natal care.

Do these babies have a CNS to justify the great neo-natal care they receive? Or should the Government Legislate to close down these facilities as an unnecessary financial burden on the public purse because at 22 weeks they are not human?

THE REAL ISSUE IN THIS DEBATE IS, 'WHEN DOES HUMAN LIFE BEGIN? WHEN DOES THE ZYGOTE, THE FOETUS, THE UNBORN BABY BECOME A HUMAN BEING AND IS PROTECTED BY LAW? There is no doubt that most premi babies survive. Does breathing oxygen miraculously activate the CNS? Do they suddenly become 'human'? Are they suddenly accorded the right to live – by a Parliament!

is rightly condemned for arbitrarly killing millions of people because they didn't fit his socio-political ideas. Is abortion any different in a so called, modern society?

There are many subjective reasons why a woman should have not become pregnant.

Shouldn't the parliament be more concerned with solving the social issues that cause the problem of unwanted pregnancies, than seeing the death of unborns as a 'final solution.

This is a moral issue which underpins the whole fabric of our society.

If a parliament can deny the most basic of human rights to the most helpless, the most vulnerable, the most innocent, what confidence can anyone have in our lawmakers?

I appeal to you to find answers to what causes unwanted pregnancies, rather than making the deaths of unborn children the easy solution.

There was a legal provision in some ancient law codes that 'the faults of the parents should be visited on their children.' It seems that we haven't moved beyond that.

Thank you for your time.

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