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Committee Secretary
Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you about the proposed Labor bill to decriminalise abortion.

Results of a recent poll prove that Queenslanders DO NOT WANT more abortion. (YouGovGalaxy – Feb 2018).

Decriminalisation of abortion would allow late-term abortions performed for social or financial reasons on healthy women carrying healthy babies. It would also legalise gender-selection abortion.

By removing all restrictions, there most definitely would be an increase in the number of abortions.

There is clear evidence that up to 1 in 5 women suffer serious prolonged psychological trauma after abortion, such as depression and anxiety.

Post abortive women are almost 6 times more likely to commit suicide than women who give birth.

Breast cancer becomes a much greater risk after an abortion. Data shows that women have a 30-40% higher risk of getting breast cancer. Other risks include infection, haemorrhage and infertility.

The life of a human begins at conception. Our modern day sophisticated ultrasounds show a baby's heart beating at 3 weeks after conception and a fully formed little person at 10 weeks gestation.

An unborn baby is clearly a person, and therefore should be protected by law.

As a mother who has supported her daughter through 5 miscarriages before she was successful in carrying a baby through to full term, I find it abhorrent that a baby's life can be treated as just a piece of garbage to be disposed of.

Please help to stop this Bill from being passed.

Yours sincerely

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