

From: [REDACTED]
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To the Committee receiving submissions:

Dear Committee Chair, Members & All involved in decisions relating to this Bill,

As a still practising registered nurse & teacher aged 68 I would have no trouble standing up to anyone in Parliament or anywhere demanding I do something against my conscience.

I would happily go to gaol for breaking the law, even if only because I refused to pay a fine if it were imposed. If I lost my job because of not obeying a law against my conscience, so be it, even if it involved severe economic hardship.

Younger generations are trained to serve the new systems, often without question, so passing Jacki Trad's law would have serious implications for the delivery of health services in Queensland.

An already struggling (and probably long-term 'unsustainable') free service for all Australians needing health care, QHealth would be further weighed down by women and/or their sexual partners with a dream of being able to come to a hospital anywhere in the state and ask to have their baby aborted. Tax payers would fund their dream being fulfilled.

Western nations have lost wisdom in many matters. There is a lack of common sense in decision making that already impacts standards of patient care and the reasons they are being treated and how they are being treated by health professionals. All the boxes are ticked, but the reality can be a totally different story.

My work is always clinical, at the bedside. I see the reality daily. Hospitals and clinics do harm as well as good with the best intentions by highly trained professionals delivering interventions. There are always funding issues & cutting nursing staff at the bedside is a chief budget-trimming device supported by clever mathematics & computer program systems to legitimise the decreased level of care.

Throw a state funded abortion of babies and care for the sometimes immediate or long-term poor or life-threatening outcomes for their mothers into the mix and I suggest we become a state without a brain, a logic or a standard of human decency.

One can find hospital or clinic or 'aftermath' statistics to support any argument for or against any proposed bill, but these may never shine a light on the reality until something becomes a public scandal. Then a bandaid will be applied for this particular set of circumstances.

Please leave qualified medical staff to fight for life with quality as well as provide dignity in dying without unnecessary pain. Legislation must protect patients and support safe & necessary medical procedures and practices, not be a Women's Weekly' fashion page on generational trends. No disrespect is intended to this quality magazine of its genre, an Australian icon.

Please do not introduce a minefield of things that can & will go wrong for people seeking abortions that are not absolutely necessary in preserving the life of the mother.

Sincerely,

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