

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** 2018 Abortion Bill  
**Date:** Wednesday, 5 September 2018 11:17:43 AM  
**Attachments:** [REDACTED]

---

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to you to protest against the Termination of Pregnancy Bill (referred to hereafter as 'the Bill' or 'Bill') currently before you, to which you are receiving submissions.

My name is Peter Dimond. I live [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

My objections to this Bill include:

1. I believe it is a step backwards in the governance of this state to introduce a Bill which will limit the freedom of the people of Queensland to be deemed to be acting against the Law should they exercise their freedom of speech (the establishment of a 150m zone [or more if a court so deems] around premises where termination of pregnancies occur).
2. I believe it is wrong and harmful to women to allow the termination of pregnancy up to 22 weeks, and even up to birth should a doctor deem it necessary. (Further to this, I note that there are no provisions in this Act to assist women with pre and post procedure counselling; unbiased counselling prior to the procedure; and a 'minimum time' 'cooling off' period prior to the procedure - things which I believe also should be legislated in this Bill for the safety and protection of women. Personally, previously having worked as a Registered Health Professional, with many women who have had a termination of pregnancy, the ongoing ramifications of the procedure can and often do continue for many years.)
3. I believe it is wrong and harmful to include the definition of a woman to be any female who may fall pregnant (this then includes children and teenagers should they fall pregnant. Studies have shown the harmful effects of abortion and the correlation of abortion to breast cancer in subsequent years - something which surely would be potentiated with a termination of pregnancy upon a girl or teenager).
4. Regarding children / teenagers requiring a termination of pregnancy, I noted there was no provision within the Bill for the parents / guardians of such children / teenagers to be informed or required to consent to such a procedure - despite the child / teenager often being within their care. Again this is something which I believe should occur. If the government deems the child / teenager to be under the care of a parent or guardian (with ongoing expenses being paid by such parents or guardians) surely they have the right to be informed and to consent to such procedures. Further to this, it will generally be such parents / guardians who are 'picking up the pieces' in the lives of these children / teenagers who've undergone the procedure.
5. Further to this, regarding children / teenagers requiring a termination of pregnancy, how is a child / teenager who is below the age of consent able to give such consent to this procedure? There is nothing within this Bill regarding this matter.
6. I believe it is wrong to force registered medical practitioners to go against their conscience - at risk of losing their licence to practice should they refuse - by either having

to perform a termination of pregnancy (should it be deemed an emergency - who decides this? There is no definition of what conditions deem 'an emergency'); or further by having to refer them to another registered medical practitioner to perform this procedure - again something deemed an unconscionable act by some.

Thank you for your time in hearing my submission.

Peter Dimond.

