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Health Committee
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Dear Sir/Madam

Any decision to terminate an unborn life is a very grave and violent act. With every abortion, the toll is one dead, one wounded.

Research proves the decriminalising of abortion would result in a dramatic increase in the number of terminations performed in public hospitals each year. It is noted that there are currently about 14,000 abortions performed in Queensland each year.

We believe the proposed Bill would remove all protection under the current law to 'viable babies, mothers, fathers, families, health professionals' among others. We feel as parents of children and grandchildren and I'm sure your family, this is a very sad indictment on our State and society as a whole, that we are basically accepting the killing of babies throughout their pregnancy term, our innocent and most vulnerable who have no say or opinion which is a terrible injustice.

We believe that the balance between the health and welfare of the mother and the rights of the unborn, should not be tampered with under any circumstances whatsoever. Abortion is not the answer to unplanned pregnancies. Support of the women is and should be the first option considered in these cases.

Rather than legalizing and encouraging abortion or the slaying of the unborn we should be supporting those women who find themselves in a state of unplanned pregnancies. They should be given every encouragement and support to carry their babies to full term. If they are not in a position to care for their newborn there are many childless couples who dream of adopting a baby, very few of whom are available in Australia.

Women who find themselves in this position are often put under pressure or suffer harassment from others such as the father, partner, family or friends (who must accept some of the moral responsibility) to abort the unborn child, sometimes against their own will. Invariably the mothers experience immediate and long-term psychological effects from the decision to terminate or abort. There is ample hard evidence available to support this.

There are many couples and families who try to have children and are unable, for whatever reason. We believe more can be done to address this terrible injustice of the innocent.

We hope you can consider this grave matter as it is presented to parliament and consider ways which this can be addressed without harming our most vulnerable.

Yours sincerely

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State Chairman KSCQ
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