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From my experience as a midwife and my prayerful presence outside an abortion clinic for 10 years,

I have had the opportunity to talk to many women seeking abortion. There was never any harassment

by me or members of my group. It was obvious most women were extremely upset entering the abortion clinic.

Coercion was certainly happening by partners or parents. State sanctioned abortion would give the partners more reason to convince women that abortion is legal and therefore acceptable. Putting the blame on our Politicians for the abortion.

What a terrible legacy for the Politicians.

A few women who spoke to me changed their minds when they realized help to keep their babies was available.

I believe free independent counselling is absolutely necessary for women before consenting to an abortion.

Otherwise a decision with or without coercion to abort their babies, without proper informed consent

and consideration of other options, does lead to terrible regret with many psychological consequences throughout their life.

From a recent YouGov Galaxy poll 88% of Queenslanders agree there should be independent counselling.

Already 14,000 abortions are performed each year in Queensland . Not one conviction has resulted. Leave the Law as it stands.

This heinous termination of pregnancy bill 2018 and all that it entails, if it passes, will be a horrific legacy for those who vote for it.

If the bill is signed into law, Queenslanders will always remember the Trad-Labor government for the Late-term abortion bill with disgust.

Yours sincerely,

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