

Subject: Proposed Queensland Abortion Legislation.

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I wish to express my deep concern regarding the proposed legislation. Abortion flies in the face of the natural inclination of women to hold their offspring dear. It is a well established fact that abortion results in mental problems, and dpression for large numbers of women who have been led through this process. We who have had the opportunity to live our lives, should have no right to decide who can live, & who can be destroyed. The language, & rhetoric, being used to promote this legislation is clearly an exercise in deceipt. Abortion is a brutal procedure, more so as the pregnancy draws to full term. The proposal to force doctors who oppose abortion, to refer patients to other practitioners, who will procede with, or refer the patient to appropriate clinics, is clearly an attack on our basic human rights. The proposal to force hostpitals, & clinics, to perform these procedures against their moral values, is olso an attack on our human, & civil rights. Proposals to prevent people from protesting against abortion are also an attack on our basic human rights. The proposed legislation is an attack against our most defensless, & the concept of abortion for sex seletion is clearly abhorrent, as is also the concept of abortion for social reasons.

Many of those women who find themselves pregnant, and are in difficult circumstanes, clearly need support, and this is where the government should be directing its efforts. These pregnancies should be allowed to run their full term when decisions on adoption, or keping the child can be made. It is obvious that there are a number of organisations that can offer guidance and counselling in these areas, but whom it seems the state government does not want to know about. Abortion clinics should not be allowed to make their millions out of the plight of women who find themselves in difficult circumstances.

As I said at the begining, abortion is totaly against the natural inclinations of womanhood, and no amount of counseling can ever remove totally, the deliberate killing of her baby. Our current laws are adequate.

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