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Dear health committee,

Regarding the Termination of Pregnancy Bill, I am writing to strongly oppose this bill. Jackie Trad has said that she has wanted this law since she was a teenager, and I wonder what this bill is really about in her own personal agenda, as the polling shows Queenslanders don't want this bill. I am among the majority Queenslanders represented that don't want this bill. It is radical and unnecessary. Women can already get abortions if they choose. The slogan about giving women options and choice isn't true because this bill wants to stop the availability of options within 150m of abortion clinics.

It seems a profit driven industry by many accounts, and not one that truly cares for the wellbeing of women. Studies show the emotional and psychological trauma women go through post abortion and yet this bill seems to care nothing for this, as it seeks to increase abortions, and by so doing increase the amount of post abortion suffering and pain. It does not provide safeguards for women, or any real care for them in the form of independent counselling, support and other options.

It is troubling to see this bill treating the preborn child as though it had no value or significance. It is killing of children and allowing for such late term and with no pain relief makes it more horrific. Choosing to kill a child for sex selection as this bill allows is abhorrent. The preborn child is part of the human family and we should be offering real options of support for women with options such as adoption, proper independent counselling, and a whole raft of real choices as recommended by groups such as Abortion Rethink, who have produced a white paper with a 10 year plan.

The issue of abortion coercion is real and cannot be overlooked, leaving long term devastating effects that extend beyond just the woman, that these laws would only make more prevalent.

Many women have suffered economic loss also as they were suffering too much post traumatic stress to fully reenter the work force.

It is unacceptable that doctors are not allowed conscientious objection, these laws require them to refer the patient to someone who will commit an abortion. Taking away basic rights of objection and freedom is not acceptable in our free society and will not lead to a better Australia. This law cannot be imposed on the medical community who consciously object. This law is unfair.

We should acknowledge that there is more than one life here to consider- the most obvious one being overlooked being the preborn child. It is abhorrent that 'social reasons' is put forward as a reason to kill a preborn child.

I'm shocked to see the decline in morals and values (the things that make a society great) and treating the killing of preborn children as though it is nothing, as though it is some irrelevant thing that can be cast aside, disposed of and moved on without a second thought.

It seems that people not wanting to see images of abortion or hear of the procedure in detail, means they don't want to face the reality of this issue, and that it's a human we're talking about. It seems that they don't want their conscience to be confronted with the

truth. But the women who suffer from abortions are left facing the truth, without any loving care from those who coerced/ pressured them into/ performed an abortion, leaving society to suffer the consequences and try and pick up the pieces. This could be avoided if we reject this bill, and would value life, value women, offer support and real options.

This bill is extreme and should be rejected.

We should value and protect life, and women and provide real support for women in crisis pregnancies.

The measure of a society is how we treat those who cannot speak for themselves.

Sincerely,

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