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	rmer NSW Attorney General who is implacably opposed to abortion. It is sad to in the moral fibre of Queensland Politicians and particularly the Labor Party.
I set out below s recent years:	some details of the decline in protection of unborn babies in Queensland in
Much of the mo 2017 came from	r self-abortion in Queensland mentum for the failed attempt to repeal the Queensland abortion provisions in in this case in 2010: y in abortion trial 2010, 6:02pm
illegal abortion The jury of eight They found not guilty of un There was loud	women and four men took less than an hour to reach the unanimous verdict. not guilty of procuring her own miscarriage and lawfully supplying drugs to procure an abortion. applause and cheering from the public gallery as the verdicts were read out and told the couple they were free to go. down after hearing the verdict and family members hugged the couple.
Neither Neither	his sister send the drugs from the gave evidence during their trial.
fron	says she will continue prescribing the abortion drug RU486. al for my patients and I'm heartened by the decision in the court today," she said. In the group has also welcomed the not guilty verdicts. In the group a whole lot over the last 18 months and it's not something they ever

"Obviously the outcome shows the law for what it is which is something that the community just

should have had to go through in the first place," she said.

isn't comfortable with.

"Hopefully that gives the Government a bit of impetus for reform."

No change to laws

Queensland Premier Anna Bligh says the State's abortion laws will not be amended.

She says she supports decriminalisation, but the majority of MPs do not so changes would not pass in a conscience vote.

Opposition leader John-Paul Langbroek said this week his side of politics has no intention of amending the laws either.

Obviously the current Government is hoping the tide has turned and they will succeed with their inhumane legislation. Matters which should be considered in order to safeguard the lives and health of pregnant Queensland women, who have recourse to abortion are:

1. Is any information made available to prospective patients concerning the dangers to life

2. Why should doctors who have a conscientious objection to abortion have to refer women seeking abortions to another doctor who they believe will perform the abortion?: section 8.

In South Australia, the conscientious objection clause s.82A(5), based on the UK Abortion Act is much fairer to conscientious objectors: "s.82A (5) Subject to subsection (6), no person is under a duty, whether by contract or by any statutory or other legal requirement, to participate in any treatment authorised by this section to which he has a conscientious objection, but in any legal proceedings the burden of proof of conscientious objection rests on the person claiming to rely on it."

" (6) Nothing in subsection (5) affects any duty to participate in treatment which is necessary to save the life, or to prevent grave injury to the physical or mental health, of a pregnant woman."

In Western Australia, under s.334 of the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911 the protection of conscientious objectors is even stronger. Section 334(2) provides: "No person, hospital, health institution, other institution or service is under a duty, whether by contract or by statutory or other legal requirement, to participate in the

performance of any abortion."

3. Who can say that women are safe if they have abortion procedures at any of the providers listed by Children by Choice?

These venues are all unsafe for unborn babies and how safe are they for pregnant women??