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<u>Submission</u> **AGAINST** the proposed changes to abortion legislation

Abortion is never the answer for a woman unexpectedly pregnant or pregnant in difficult circumstances. Why is "death to the unborn baby" the proposed and proffered to these women? Rather than removing the baby, why doesn't the government step up to help remove the circumstances that make it difficult for a woman to have her baby? Often all women need is a listening ear and someone to step beside them on their pregnancy journey.

Women have an amazing capacity to find an inner strength and not just cope with but rise above their situation. Women deserve better than abortion. Women deserve respect that they can, with support, find life-giving rather than life-taking solutions to their own problems.

It is a fact that many women suffer post-abortion trauma. The very nature of a woman is to nurture and protect and when a woman transgresses the very essence of her being and instead denies and destroys that life within her, something deep in her fractures, often irrevocably.

Why would the Queensland parliament want to encourage abortion by changing the legislation and thereby increase the suffering of young woman?

Abortion hurts and harms women mentally, physically, spiritually and emotionally. Abortion emasculates men and robs them of fatherhood. And abortion destroys the life of an unborn baby.

As stated previously, why not remove the circumstances that make it difficult for a woman to birth her child, rather than remove the baby from the womb violently by abortion? Abortion is not 'help' - abortion is hurt and harm.

I strongly urge the Queensland parliament in general and the Labor Party in particular, to NOT allow the current abortion legislation to be changed or abolished.

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