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Submission On Abortion Bill.

I oppose the 22 week and over abortion bill for the following reasons.

1. An unborn child is a person and by law must be buried as a person at 20 weeks gestation. In so saying, they are admitting it is a child.
2. Many women suffer severe psychological effects of abortion, severe guilt and sometimes suicide. Some are coerced into it by family.
3. Abortion reduces a woman's fertility for future pregnancies and risks infection and bleeding.
4. The unborn babies are often [REDACTED] Babies of a similar age are in intensive care units with round the clock specialists fighting for their lives.
5. Sex selection. In China, we have a huge lopsided population of majority males and many social problems. We have an increasing inflow of migrants from cultures that value a boy far above a girl. These people often will kill an unborn girl.
6. We have an unsustainable birth-rate of 1.9 children per woman and an aging population. A large number of abortions are women who are partnered and don't want that third child. A Midwife gave me this information.
7. We have a large number of infertile couples who find adoption impossible due to few babies available.
8. The majority of the population is against abortion.

In a survey- YouGov . Commissioned by Cherish Life and Australian Family Association, 1000 random Queenslanders participated in an online poll. 6-8 / 8/2018.  
52% against abortion under 22 weeks any reason.  
62% against abortion over 22 weeks for social reasons.  
72% support conscientious objection to taking part in an abortion.  
83% were against sex selection abortion.

Two points further I want to make.

Conscientious objection. Doctors , nurses, midwives and other gynaecological and obstetric practitioners should be legally able to object to taking part in or referring for an abortion.

Adoption. More supportive and sensitively conducted and promoted as a desirable choice for those with unwanted pregnancies, especially teenagers. Better for mother and baby in many cases. Despite the inevitable grief , the baby goes to a stable home with (in a large majority of cases) good parents. This is less a burden on a girls conscience than killing the child, often she realises it was in the child's best interest. Also, its less harmful to her physical health in most cases.

With more babies adopted out and less abortions, childless couples can become parents without costly, heartbreaking IVF treatment.

Yours Sincerely

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