

**Subject:**

Proposed abortion bill

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I believe strongly that the rights of an unborn child should be preserved. Please consider this question, "What if my mother had decided to abort me."

We have become a selfish society where our so called rights are foremost in our wants without regard for the consequences of our actions.

We MUST HAVE what is not normally possible without consideration of the morality of an issue and we THROW AWAY what we don't want for the same reason.

Life has been dumbed down in our selfish desires to get rid of anything that is inconvenient ..Love is the most important thing for a child and we should be putting efforts into supporting women with unplanned pregnancies -counselling, economic support and love.

It is virtually impossible to adopt a baby in Australia now and couples are spending a fortune of their own money and public money on trying to conceive a child by artificial means when your bill proposes to kill a foetus for no other reason than inconvenience.

A death certificate is given for a baby who dies at 20 weeks plus. We do everything in our means to support a premature baby but kill an inconvenient one right up to birth. Society has become so confused!

I believe the only reason that a baby should be aborted is for extreme medical reasons where the mother's life is in danger or the baby is so damaged in the womb that it would be unkind for the pregnancy to continue. In the case of rape I believe that the mother should take priority but believe that for any other reason we would be better counselling the mother and assisting in every way to allow the pregnancy to continue with support afterwards as well.

Contraceptives are a way of life now so there should be no excuse for an unplanned pregnancy. The very sex act itself has the potential to create a life and should not be treated as another sport or exercise. There should be consequences for our actions and if we fail, true good character is achieved by getting on with life and making the most of it.

It is said that a woman has the right to do whatever they like with their body but that does not mean that is 'right' for society. Is it right not to bath regularly? Is it right to eat junk food everyday and become a burden on society with health problems?Is it right to murder someone with our hands?

I firmly disagree with both parts of the proposed abortion bill and beg that the rights of the unborn child be considered.

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