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Dear Queensland Parliamentary Review Committee

I wish to earmark my great concern and distress at the new Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018 (i.e. 'Abortion Bill') that Jackie Trad has currently tabled in Queensland Parliament and has so strongly pushed for in many media outlets.

As the Sunday Mail reported on 2 September 2018, p.25, '*Abortion Bill 'unrestricted'*', there are multiple grave key issues being pushed for this legalisation, including:

- Unrestricted term for an abortion, no matter the age of the unborn child
- The ability for doctors and parents to gender select and discriminate against their unborn child on gender alone by undertaking an abortion
- The dehumanising, shameful medical treatment of any doctor, nurse, mother or right-to-life advocate who has a conscious and ethical responsibility **NOT** to promote or undertake an abortion
- The confusing mess between what is a priority and dignified approach to the most vulnerable – our unborn children – in our society.

I plead with you earnestly that you reject the Abortion Bill in its entirety! Every human life deserves dignity, protection and support, no matter whether it is born or unborn.

In fact, I ask that you **INCREASE the penalties that cause an abortion to be considered and openly encouraged within the medical industry and the media**, as a woman's right for optional inconvenience instead of nurturing her own offspring until born, at least. If the baby is still not wanted then, the mother can offer her full-term-born baby to others who can't have any children at all for adoption. And the baby's life is spared, wanted and cared for as a valuable human life.

The reasons why I ask for such increased penalties against abortion are somewhat indicated below:

- This Abortion Bill makes it highly easy for a pregnant woman or a doctor to undertake the aborted killing of an unborn human life beyond 22 weeks of life, right up to full term of pregnancy.

Currently, if someone causes an unborn baby to be aborted by even kicking or mistreating a pregnant mother, it is considered in the courts as a manslaughter act and the person incarcerated. If a baby is born but then left on a table to die on its own accord, strangled or thrown into a bin, it is called murder. But under this Abortion Bill, an unborn baby deserves to die in a most cruel, tortuous fashion if either a doctor or mother decides to abort the unborn child, even up to the final hours before it may be born! What a medieval horror or third-world abhorrence! Our laws are to protect life; not give power to take it!

- Our babies, whether unborn or born at any age or stage of their development, are our most vulnerable, voiceless people in our society. But this Abortion Bill seeks to treat our unborn children as dispensable, non-valuable inconveniences or mistakes in a manner of forced abortion with the sole purpose to kill and discard the evidence. Even the fact that your very committee does not want to see pictures of aborted babies or read about the horrific procedures undertaken shows how naturally awful abortion is – it's completely unnatural and an evil act against another person.

To illustrate this point further, note that no one treats animals as badly as this bill does! Who rips into an animal's uterus and pulls out its unborn offspring and then leaves them to die or ensures that they are purposefully killed?? But under the guise and ploy of the 'rights' of a mother, a mother will be able to fully disregard the life that is within her and deliberately kill it without a conscience for selfish or fearful or scandal-avoiding reasons within society.

Moreso, with this bill requiring all doctors and nurses to practice hardened consciences and turn a blind eye to the practice of abortion, then this bill demands that all medical practitioners, who are practicing their specialised services to SAVE lives, must now act unethically, immorally and unconscionably if to hold their jobs and reputations. In fact, the bill requires that all medical staff are to encourage the act of abortion! What a travesty and dehumanising purpose of being a medico!! Furthermore, if a baby survives a vicious abortion procedure, this new bill requires that no one is to help this child survive, no matter its cries or ability to breathe on its own. Instead, they are to walk away against all natural and God-given instincts to care and love that child. What a sickened tragedy!

- Also, of great concern, is the stipulation that mothers do not need to receive counselling before undergoing an abortion, or have all the emotional, psychological, spiritual and medical risks explained to them before undertaking such a procedure. There are many suffering women and men in our societies world-wide today who never expected to suffer the grief they must live with for the rest of their lives – their death of their own child by their own hands. Many abortion procedures have hurt the women, messed up their hormones and not supported them at all through abortion grief, which may last for the rest of their lives. If any woman is caused to think about the long-term consequences of an abortion (rather than its immediate convenience), by either a pro-life protestor, doctor, nurse, midwife, counsellor, church, family psychologist or even a friend, then this is far better for her to do so **BEFORE** she undertakes an abortion rather than after she does so.

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[REDACTED] – but it's not the mother or doctor who should be given the life-cutting power here. Instead, all unborn children need the right to live and their parents' abortion desires aborted, lest we become more mindless than an animal and an evil creature that hates its young within.

Again, I ask that you reject this Abortion Bill in its entirety. And enforce tougher penalties on all who think abortion is an acceptable and promotable act to be undertaken within our State of Queensland.

Thanking you so much for reading this submission, as this topic matter is emotional and very difficult to read through to the end, I'm sure. It's also not easy to write!

With kind regards
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