Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee,
Parliament House,
George Street,
Brisbane QLD 4000

## 'Submission to the change to Abortion Bill'

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing as a concerned Australian citizen, a parent and Grandparent as well as I have worked as a counsellor for 20 years, now retired.

I am frankly appalled at the proposed changes to the abortion bill I hear spoken of by members of parliament, as well as Deputy Premier and the Premier. The fact that a woman carrying a 22 week baby can abort for no reason and then full term with 2 doctors permission can abort, is beyond appalling. All the talk is about the rights of the women over her body, what about the rights of the child, who has not ask to be conceived.

The fact that when a pregnant women is murdered, it is called a double homicide but a proposal which says babies 22 weeks to full birth can be murdered no questions asked is just ludicrous. One has to wonder the of those proposing these changes.

From a physiological point of view, having been a counsellor for 20 years, I have seen women who have gone through with abortions left with physiological pain, guilt and trauma for the rest of their lives. Some go to great lengths to try to cover the pain with addictions, in the form of drugs and other numbing measures. The oldest rules for mankind called 'The Ten Commandments' given by our Creator who loves us and knows the best for us as humans, contain 'Do Not kill'. Even if these Leaders don't care about God and His rules, when did it become ok to kill babies?

It seems to us we are going from one extreme to the other. With modern scans now a baby is able to be seen clearly if they have malformations and difficulties, depending on the severity of these, parents and doctors are able to determine if stopping the pregnancy is the best option. This has not been allowed in Queensland which maybe the reason our leaders are wanting to bring in the other extreme. Surely there could be another option.

Will you as a committee consider carefully this proposal and please for the sake of Australians, please don't let these changes happen.

We are concerned Australian citizens.

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