

To the Queensland Government

Submission re proposed changes to abortion legislation 2018

I would like to present the following short compilation of some key points (I admit I have taken them from the considered writing of others) which I believe indicate some of the errors in reasoning involved in justifying abortion. When a person decides to end the existence of an unborn human child (by whatever form of abortion) an unwarranted assumption of that beings insignificance is made.

The telling thing and the most disturbing thing in all of this is the fact that the vast majority of abortions that occur in Australia happen through a combination of regrettable and avoidable factors these being:

1. Unjustifiable coercion from other parties - often the partner and or family of the women concerned
2. Ignorance concerning the psychological and physiological aftermath of an abortion on the persons health and well being
3. Monetary benefits (financial advantage) for the purveyors of abortion
4. Lack of financial assistance and information to facilitate access to compassionate counselling and advice from qualified people on the pro-life side.
5. Predetermination to advance the abortion agenda (decisions made by politicians) irrespective of public opinion and sound arguments made against abortion.
Commitments are given (example Emilie's List) in the course of wheeling and dealing for personal advantage in the political landscape. This is the most deplorable thing of all!

Think, for a moment, about your 10 closest friends. Would you agree that each of them has the same basic rights and that each should be treated equally? In all honesty in responding you would surely reply yes! Yet if all of them should be treated equally, there must be some quality they all share that justifies that equal treatment.

What is that characteristic? Only this: We all have the same human nature (Scott Klusendorf)

I believe that abortion is morally wrong because assigning personhood (and human nature) at any point on the continuum from conception to birth (and even during the early life of an baby) is completely arbitrary and has no philosophical or scientific backing. I believe that since assigning personhood (the concept that grants individual rights and allows abortion to be considered "murder" in the first place) is completely arbitrary, the only morally consistent position to take is that personhood begins at conception.

If the foetus were not a separate human being but were only another part of its mother's body, it would not need a placenta and umbilical cord to separate them. It could simply

grow inside one of her body cavities like a tumour without any barriers between the two to protect each of them.

*A woman has every right to be in control of and **responsible** for her body...She has the right and responsibility to use methods to prevent conception if she does not want to become pregnant. Being in control also would include not engaging in activity which is known to lead to pregnancy, which is sexual intercourse...However, once a pregnancy occurs, it is no longer only the woman's body that is in question, as the baby is not a part of her body (Cynthia Isabel)*

*We must recognize that the children conceived through sexual assault also have a voice which deserves to be heard. Julie Makimaa, conceived by an act of rape, works diligently against the perception that abortion is acceptable or even necessary in cases of sexual assault. While sympathetic to the suffering her mother endured at the hands of her attacker, Julie is also rightfully proud of her mother's courage and generosity. Regarding her own view of her origin, Julie proclaims: "It doesn't matter how I began. What matters is who **I will become.**"*

*As the **Association of Pro-Life Physicians states**, an abortion is never really needed to save the life of a mother and this argument should not be used as a support for abortion.*

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider the points I have made here. I do hope you will decide that the right thing to do is to reject the efforts of those who are trying to make abortion available at even later stages.

Sincerely
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