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Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee

Subject: Objection Against Changing the Current Abortion Law

Date: Tuesday, 4 September 2018 2:00:19 PM

Dear Qld Government,

As active and informed Australia Citizen and resident of Qld, I would like to express my objection to the current Bill that seeking to alter the current abortion laws in Qld.

Full decriminalisation of abortion would mean abortion would be legal in Queensland for any reason at all, effectively until the moment of birth.

In a recent YouGov Galaxy Research poll, only 6% of Queenslanders support the extreme position being purported as a majority of Queenslanders in agreement with the Bill's position. The majority (in excess of 80%) believe that the abortion rate is too high already.

Changing the current Abortion Law with not only increase abortions and increasing loss of a precious life, it also has a direct impact on the mother's physical and mental health but also impacts on the father's too. The risks include infection, infertility and breast cancer and additional complications. Psychological risks include depression and other mental illness, suicide, drug/alcohol abuse etc... This will heavily impact on our already over-stressed health system.

The most precious commodity we have is life. I do not believe it is our place to intervene and determine what lives are and are not valuable. This applies to the start of life and the end of life. What does it say about us a society where we care so little that we can discard lives with little to no regard.

The only changes to the law which should be considered are greater safeguards for women not ones that seek to inflict additional stress and hurt.

A much-needed policy change is for Government funding to be significantly expanded to include pregnancy counselling services (such as Priceless Life) which offer real choice and support for women, including post-abortion counselling.

Thank You Kelly Magin

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