

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

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To: Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee
Subject: The Abortion Bill

I write to express my total opposition to the Queensland's state government's proposal to legalise and further liberalise access to abortion.

While it is true that some women find themselves in difficulty because of an unwanted pregnancy, the destruction of the life within their wombs is not an acceptable solution. At one stage in all of our lives we existed in our mother's womb. We were human beings from the moment of our conceptions and therefore deserved support and protection from that special moment until the end of our lives.

The others aspects of this bill are also very objectionable:

- the threat to medical practitioners: that they have a right to conscientious objection but must refer women seeking abortions to another practitioner whom they know has no such objections. This would force doctors to be complicit in an action they find morally horrendous.

- that people will be prohibited (cannot stand within 150 metres of an abortion clinic) by law to express their opposition to abortion outside abortion clinics and forbidden to offer what is commonly called side-walk counselling. This is a clear denial of their democratic rights. It is patently obvious that peaceful demonstrations are permitted with regard to every other issue imaginable but not so when it comes to speaking up for the rights of unborn children.

We are at crisis point. Yes, pregnant women in difficult situations should be helped to carry their babies to full term and beyond if need be. Allowing them to to kill the life within them is not a humane or compassionate response. As is well known, the worth of any society is measured by the way it cares for its most vulnerable, and in this day and age, especially if this proposed bill is passed, which group of human beings is more vulnerable than the unborn?

Yours sincerely
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