

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

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Let me state from the outset that I do not support Jackie Trad's Abortion Bill. I do not support the taking of life, and I believe all abortion is taking a life. Life begins at conception, and it is our responsibility to do good to that life, not harm. I do not support abortion at early stages of development, and I do not support abortion during the late stages of abortion either.

If abortion is taking a life, which I believe it is, then if we change the laws to say that medical practitioners must comply with any request for an abortion by referring them to someone who will agree to perform an abortion, then we are legislating that they must be complicit in taking a life. The purpose of medical training is to learn how to promote life and health, not take it. Again, this Bill is morally wrong because it is asking people in their daily jobs to knowing help assist in harming the very people they are supposed to protect, the unborn child.

Social concerns and psychological concerns for women who are experiencing some trouble which may lead them to believe that termination of a life is the solution to their problems are real problems, but I do not believe that the solution to their problems is taking a life. Taking a life adds to their problems, because of the guilt they will eventually experience later in their life. I believe all women or families coming to seek help for a problem by seeking an abortion should receive counselling from places like Priceless House, who will genuinely act to care for the whole person without pushing for a life to be taken.

I think it is evil that we can be considering calling this a medical procedure when in fact it is taking a life. We can pay for someone to take a life. We are basically turning our medical staff into hitmen to take a life.

I'm not sure if this is current information, because it's been some years since I personally did the research, but it used to be the case that because the QLD government had not been collecting data on abortion in QLD, we could not state 100% accurate statistics about the frequency that genuine medical emergencies which may require an abortion, but my current understanding that the percentage of current abortions in QLD that actually are genuine medical emergencies that require some intervention to preserve a mother's life are very low, something like 1%. For genuine medical emergencies, we do not need to change the current legislation. The current legislation already allows for genuine medical emergencies. The problem is that many abortions in QLD happen under the guise of being medical emergencies. Already, too many lives are taken in QLD.

With regards to the zones around abortion clinics, I believe it is right and good for people to be given opportunity to hear alternatives, which once inside the clinic, they will not hear, because the clinic is a money making facility which will encourage people to go ahead with procedures without adequate counselling, without cooling off periods, without looking for real solutions to their problems. The purpose of the clinic is to assist people in taking lives for a fee. There is a conflict of interest. The purpose of the clinics is not to provide holistic care for the person presenting for advice. I do not support any legislation that will make it illegal for people like myself to stand outside an abortion clinic to hand out literature, talk or pray with anyone entering the clinic. Anyone who is seeking to serve the community in this way are actually heroes, not villains.

I do not believe we should be changing our legislation and I do not endorse Jackie Trad's Abortion Bill, 2018.

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