

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: Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018

Dear Minister of Health

I am writing to disagree with the proposed 'Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018' by Labour. The extreme changes open doors of increased abortion rates, lack of responsibility, lack of education, support or counselling, lack of educated choice and a free for all attitude for tax payer funded abortions.

This is very, very wrong. We teach our children to be responsible for their choices, to consider the outcomes, the consequences. When this guidance is removed, then there is no longer value in thought, it is just left to the social liking or will of the person.

80% of Australians don't agree with a number of points in this Bill as per the YouGov Galaxy Poll in August 2018. They can see the problems that will come from opening the flood gates and having no clear boundaries and responsibilities.

I disagree with the following:

- 1) Full decriminalisation of abortion would mean abortion would be legal in QLD for any reason at all up to birth.

This is not okay. This removes people from being responsible for actions and choosing socially and not based on medical life reasons. This will allow abortions to be common place and the number will increase dramatically. Tax payers should not have to fund this either. There needs to be clear education, clear rules and boundaries. Otherwise you remove the human value of connection to any choice and it is based selfishly.

The only changes to the law should be around safeguards, counselling, education. Parent consent should exist for girls who are under 16 years. A cooling off period needs to exist between appointments and procedures.

There are a number of psychological issues that occur to women who experience an abortion. Their mental health and well being is not being considered when it is a 'free for all' situation. Women need support.

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.

Kind Regards

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