

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

From: Leanne and Clem Fryer
Sent: Tuesday, 4 September 2018 1:00 PM
To: Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee
Subject: OPPOSITION TO TRAD-LABOUR TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY BILL

Dear Minister

As the appointed Minister for Health I wish to take up an issue with you as my Representative. Thank you for taking the time to give this gravely serious and history altering issue due consideration.

I vehemently oppose Jackie Trad's abortion Bill and consider it to be one of the most dangerous abortion laws in Australia. I am certain that you are hearing from Queensland constituents so please remember that for every ONE letter you can be sure that it speaks for ONE THOUSAND OTHERS.

If this Bill were to pass the Parliament, it would allow for abortions for any reason at any stage. Firstly, it will allow abortion for any reason to 22 weeks gestation. Check with the QLD public - the opposition to this is significant. How is this not abhorrently synonymous to first degree murder? Remember, a baby has brain activity which can be detected after 8 weeks. Secondly, your government is proposing to allow late-term abortion after 22 weeks under a wide range of criteria including 'social' reasons without independent counselling, nor informed consent conditions, nor a cooling off period. Thirdly, and please know that I have more than three objections to this Bill, it allows for the termination of a baby on the basis of their unwanted, undesired sex. Such discrimination is appalling and I stand with an overwhelming majority on this point.

This poorly formulated and destructive Bill is not representative of the opinions and desires of the broad spectrum of Queensland families. There will be long-term, expensive and detrimental mental, social and physical effects against a society which treats the weakest among us in this barbaric manner. Such decisions which lead to these extreme actions mark the ultimate reflection of a selfish community which does not value either the mother or her child.

Please also consider how this Bill doesn't protect the lives of babies who may have survived an abortion.

Please make yourself both aware and familiar with the FACTS surrounding the act of abortion.

Furthermore I fear the consequences for medical professionals who will be required to exercise such violence against women and children. The Bill forces hospitals (including religious affiliated) to end a life and removes their ability to conscientiously object/deny the procedure. This is an extremely perplexing piece of legislation.

Jackie Trad's disturbingly ambitious legacy is notable for all the wrong reasons.

Please listen to Queenslanders who strongly oppose this Bill.

Yours sincerely

Leanne Fryer