

Health, Community, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee,
Parliament House, George Street, Brisbane Qld 4000.

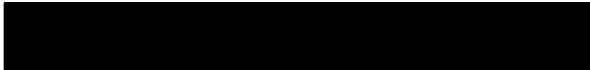
Submission to the change to Abortion Bill

Dear Sir or Madam,

Attached is our submission to the Committee considering the proposed changes to the abortion
Laws. We ask you to read and consider our concerns.

Yours faithfully

Clynton and Gail Wells





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I am writing to express our concern about the proposed abortion laws which will allow termination of an unborn child's life, up to 22 weeks, with no questions asked.

I understand that there are provisions for termination of a pregnancy in the case of extreme deformity or caused by rape. However when you kill a healthy child at 22 weeks it is a clear case of murder. At 22 weeks the child is not a thing or a collection of cells but rather a living being who reacts to what is happening around them. When you look at scans of the child it is amazing just how developed they are and the connection with the mother. They are clearly a living being.

I recently turned 70 years old but during my mother's pregnancy I was unwanted and inconvenient. Had the proposed laws been in place, I would not have survived. But I was born and I was adopted. As a result of that I was given a home, family and an education. I have been married to my wife for over 48 years and we have raised 5 children. Each of our children have become professionals, working in the arenas of education and medicine, and contributing to our society. In turn they have children who are becoming professionals and they will be fine people who will benefit their communities. Today under these proposed laws numerous children will be killed and never have the chance to live and be part of the Australian people.

I have been lucky to have been adopted and yet today it seems that the regulators have placed enormous impediments in the way of good people who would willing to adopt an unwanted child. Why is this so? In this argument the unborn child has no voice. Despite the bumps and issues that arise out of adoption, both I and any other unwanted child would choose life.

After the recent royal wedding, the American Bishop who officiated was interviewed. He was asked what he considered to be the major problems facing mankind. He said there is only one problem and it is unbridled selfishness.

I hear some women who demand that they have the right to control their own bodies. This is selfish rubbish. There is no such right to kill for convenience or spite and these people do not accept the idea of responsibility or consequence. They chose sex and their choice produced a child. Like it or not, they now have a responsibility to protect that child and they don't have the right to knowingly murder that developing child. Anything else is pure selfishness. In today's world there are no shortages of pills, powders and devices to prevent a pregnancy. Alternatively they can carry the child full term and allow the child to be adopted. There is no excuse.

We live in violent society and almost every day we hear of horrendous crimes and murders. These people are brought to justice and jailed. We don't kill the culprit but give them free rent and board. I find it hypocritical that the proposed laws allow a women to kill their unborn child without any question asked. Why haven't the unborn got similar right to live?

In this argument we forget that so many women, who have had an abortion, suffer all manner of guilt and regrets for what they have done. Abortion is not a game and the consequences can haunt a woman for the rest of her life.

In this debate the children have no voice. It is fundamental to our humanity that we speak for them and protect them. To do otherwise is inhuman.

For your consideration

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