

TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY BILL 2018

Submission to the Committee 05 September 2018

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Dear Committee Members,

I wish to submit the following for your consideration as you contemplate and investigate the above mentioned Bill currently before you.

It is assumed and expected that as members of this committee, you would bring to the table, a fair and unbiased view of the bill and be open to all submissions regardless of which viewpoint they take.

With this in mind, I humbly present the following for your consideration.

Positional Statement: I wish to declare my strong opposition to the Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018 as tabled in Queensland State Parliament on 22 August 2018.

Reasons for my opposition to the Bill

1. On reading the Bill, I find that there are many points, which unlike the intention of the bill, are not promoting the best interest of women but are in fact denying basic rights to women. There is no provision in the bill as presented to allow for a woman to have a 'cooling off period' between first making an appointment and the actual procedure to terminate a pregnancy. Women seeking abortions in many cases are under extreme pressure from often many sources, including, partners, family, financial constraints, to list just a few. This opens up the real possibility for the woman to be subject to possible unhealthy pressure to proceed with a termination, which on reflection she **may** wish to reconsider. (Even with many other important and life-changing events, a cooling off period is recommended by astute advisors and government agencies and in some circumstances this is legislated. Why are woman not being given this right?) Queensland's laws at present regarding termination of pregnancy, if extended to include the provisions of the 2018 Bill will give even extended time for women to be under pressures from partners, family, etc. whereas now there is a definite legal 'cut-off' point when this pressure can no longer be applied because the baby has already passed the dates for abortion being legally performed. This cut off date stops many men from continuing this pressure as they know that an abortion will no longer be able to be performed. It is so 'anti-women' to allow this time of pressure to be extended. There is also no provision in the Bill for post abortion counselling and support to happen. Women are left on their own to cope after such a traumatic and invasive procedure. This is so wrong to these women who need support.

Further, the Bill allows for sex selection to be allowed as a reason for termination of a pregnancy. This is an obvious attack on the rights of girls who form the bulk of abortions in other jurisdictions where sex-

selection is allowed as a reason for a woman or couple to choose termination. **(You Gov Galaxy poll in August 2018, only 8% of Queenslanders support sex-selective abortion, including 5% of women, with 83% opposed.)**

As well, this Bill allows for a doctor, to be able to perform a termination on a woman after 22 weeks if another doctor is also in agreement regardless of the reasons why the woman or couple are requesting an abortion. What kind of safeguard is this, since the second doctor is not even required to see the woman?

There is no allowance in this Bill for the woman to be encouraged to have independent, private and free counselling after first consulting a doctor willing to perform a termination. With such life-changing decisions, and being aware of the enormous pressure some woman will be under, it is inconceivable to contemplate that in a society such as a modern Queensland, that this 'right' is not afforded to woman!

It is extremely discouraging and disappointing, that this type of Bill is being promoted by those who whilst outwardly promoting women's rights, and anti-domestic violence and bullying are presenting a Bill that; (a) denies those very women the right to this type of counselling, (b) allows sex-selection which will inevitably disadvantage more females, and (3) which does not insist that a second doctor actually meeting with the patient. This Bill, to me, is more 'anti-woman than it is 'pro-woman'.

Although it is not your concern as members of this committee, I wish to state that this has drastically changed my opinions and my voting intentions both in Queensland and on the National stage. I could not, and will not, vote for any individual who promotes this Bill regardless of their political allegiances.

2. Further to the above, I note that the latest Galaxy poll taken in August 2018 clearly indicates that Queensland voters are not in agreement with this Bill. (Please see attached sheet.). This is enough to make a committee such as yours take note. The political apparatus on all sides of the political divide would do well to note this fact also.

3. The Bill also does not allow for the protection of the lives of babies who survive a termination. What happens to these babies? Does the mother then have to be confronted with this unthinkable situation and does she then have choices or is this choice taken out of her hands. One can only feel immense compassion and despair for woman thrust into this situation.

4. This Bill presents a direct attack on the religious freedoms of some hospitals and individual doctors, nursing staff and ancillary workers who believe it is wrong to perform a termination based on religious convictions and who equally believe it is wrong to be forced to refer a client to another doctor who **would** perform the procedure. This is totally inconsistent to 'freedom of religious beliefs' and religious tolerance of which Australia so proudly boasts. I hold these ideals as essential to a well-functioning society.

5. I find that the bill is flawed in other areas as well. By its lack of defining clearly its terms to the reader, it makes the bill itself, not able to be properly understood by the reader, making assumptions that the reader will understand these terms. I refer to the following as examples actually cited in the bill. This level of 'poor' writing' is unsatisfactory!

Definition of Terms as outlined in the Bill

- (a) **Termination:** “termination means the intentional termination of the pregnancy, in any way, including, for example by – (a) administering a drug; or (b) using an **instrument or other thing**.” What kind of instrument is being referred to, and what is ‘**or other thing**’ referring to? One can only imagine as this is not defined in the bill! One can only wonder why this is not defined! *Perhaps* the public would be horrified to learn what this means.
- (b) **Termination Drug:** ‘means a drug of a kind used to cause a termination.’ What kind of drug? What are its immediate effects on the fetus and the woman undergoing the procedure? How are these drugs to be administered?
- (c) **Woman** ‘means a female person of any age.’ Are there no age restrictions? What regard is given to any parental input to a minor requesting a termination?
- (d) **Emergency situations for abortions** - No definition is given to what constitutes an ‘emergency’ and thus this ‘loophole’ could be used to force doctors, nurses and other staff to participate in any abortion.
- (e) **The term ‘unborn child’ is referred to in the notes accompanying the bill** - Is this term referring to the fact that the fetus is actually a living child, who is yet to be born? If so, at what point is this ‘life’ defined as beginning and at what point is this life referred to as a ‘unborn child’.

These are questions not addressed in the bill, but questions that are vital to the credibility of the bill.

As an educated person and member of the voting public, these definitions are not sufficient to give the general populace a clear picture of (a) what these drugs and ‘instruments’ are and (b) what their effects on the ‘**unborn child**’ are at the point of use before the unborn child is deceased. Is there a level of pain caused to the ‘unborn child’? What level of pain is experienced? What is the length of this pain? and What are the results of this pain? Modern medical knowledge is clear as to noting when pain is detected by the fetus, yet this Bill will allow for this pain to be allowed!

6. This Bill goes far beyond what most people are being made aware of. The bulk of the Bill’s content refers to matters other than the **decriminalization** of the termination of pregnancy itself. Many of the aspects refer to the **criminalization** of various forms of opposition to abortion. Very little attention seems to be focused on the **woman’s health**. I am not commenting on, at this stage, whether or not these are valid issues, but to the general public, it would seem that the bill, as talked about in parliament this past fortnight when it was first introduced by its advocates, is essentially about ‘**protecting the rights**’ of the woman by not allowing a woman who receives an abortion in Queensland to be prosecuted. (Prosecutions for abortions already are not proceeded with in Queensland even though the potential for such is on the statutes.

The bill is far, far more than this as stated in the description of the bill below **quoted directly** from the Bill, **and the general public need to be more fully informed about this**. The lack of consultation, the lack of time for people to be informed about and digest the implication of this Bill is most alarming considering the magnitude of this issue.

“The **primary** objective of the Bill, as outlined in the explanatory notes, is that the termination of pregnancy should be treated as a **health issue**, not a **criminal matter**. The Bill proposes to provide for:

- the removal of the termination of pregnancy laws from the Queensland Criminal Code by repealing sections 224, 225 and 226
- a woman who consents to, assists in, or performs a termination on herself does not commit an offence, and
- the creation of a new offence, punishable by up to seven years’ imprisonment, for unqualified persons who perform, or assist in performing, a termination.”

7. There is no mention in the Bill, nor recognition of the ‘rights’ of the partner’ and the pain and distress that **some** men experience through a termination of pregnancy. No counselling, before or after a termination is offered to men. This is an appalling state as many men are also ‘**hurt by abortion**’ and many are left with no support even though they are fully supportive of their partner. This blatant discrimination is not addressed in this Bill?

In summation, I shall list in point form, some relevant questions and my position on each point.

- **Should lawful termination of abortions on request be allowed up to 22 weeks? - No**
- **Should lawful terminations be allowed with the consent of two doctors past 22 weeks? - No**
- **Should medical personnel be required to perform or be part of terminations past 22 weeks in emergency situations - No** as there is no definition of what these ‘emergency’ situations are and so this **could** be used as a ‘loophole’ to allow abortions in any and every situation.
- **Should unqualified persons be prosecuted for performing abortions? - Yes**

I humbly implore you to think long and hard about this Bill before any recommendations to the people and parliament of our wonderful state are made.

Yours Respectfully,

Gregory Peter O’KEEFE

Publication of Submission

I am content with my submission being published on the Committees website in accordance with the following:

“If the Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee accepts a submission, it becomes part of the committee's records and is usually published on the committee's webpage as soon as possible to encourage public consideration. However, a committee may decide that a submission, or part of it, should be kept confidential.

Contact details of individuals (e.g. residential or email addresses or phone numbers) are removed before submissions are published.”

Appearing as a Witness at a Public Hearing

I am also content to appear as a witness at a public hearing in accordance with the following:

“part of its inquiry, the committee will hold public hearings to build on the information provided in written submissions. These hearings provide the opportunity to those witnesses, who are invited by the committee to appear, to explain further, or add to, information included in their submissions. Hearings enable committee members to question submitters on the issues raised in their submissions. They also give submitters an opportunity to respond to issues or arguments put forward in other written or oral submissions.”

What Queenslanders Really Think About Abortion



Poll Results August 2018

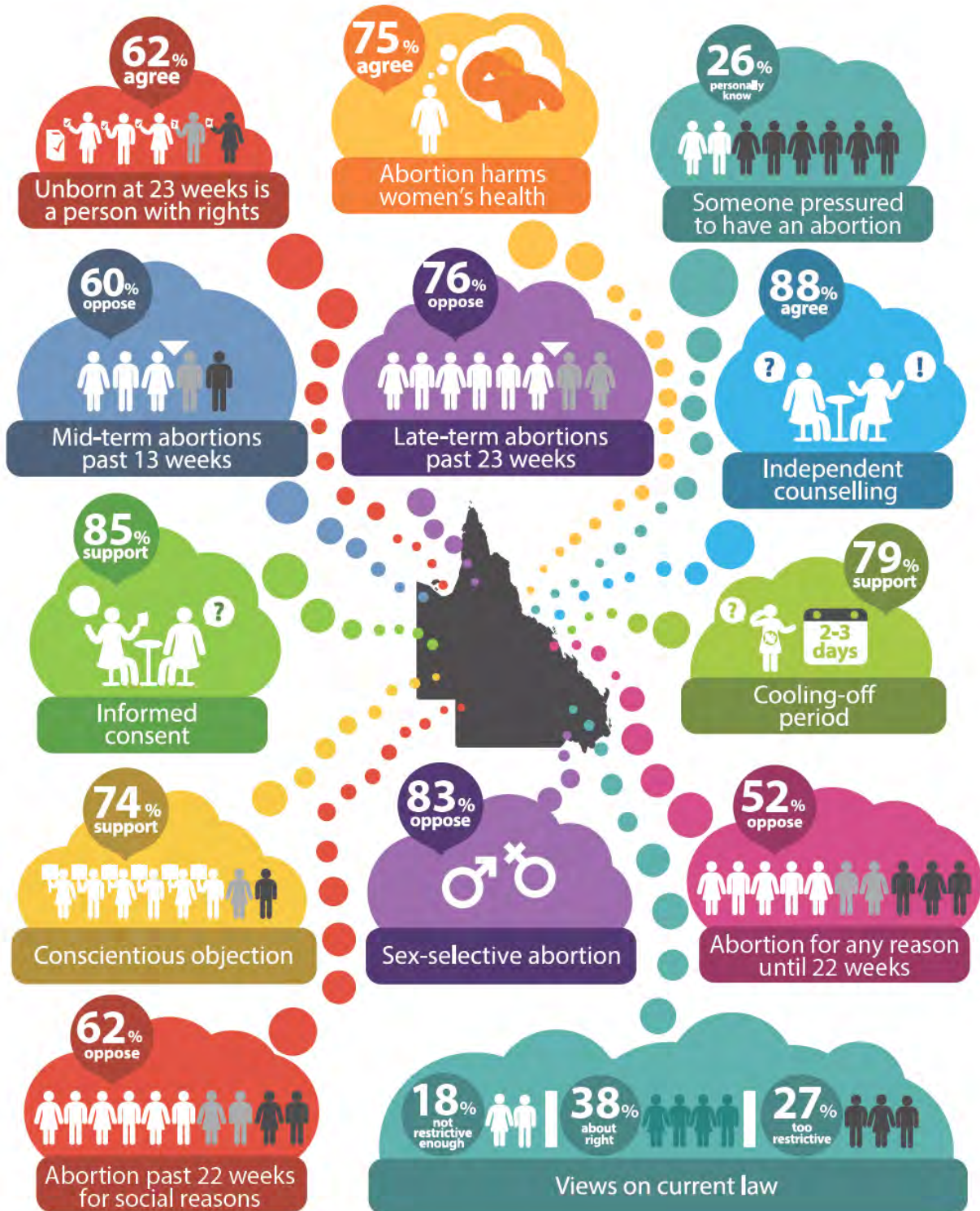
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Executive Summary

A report on a comprehensive independent market research survey conducted by YouGov Galaxy, commissioned by Cherish Life Queensland and the Australian Family Association. This online opinion poll of a representative sample of 1,000 Queensland voters was conducted from 6 to 8 August 2018, with 21 questions in total.



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Methodology

This study was conducted online among a representative sample of voters in Queensland from Tuesday, 6 August to Thursday, 8 August, 2018.

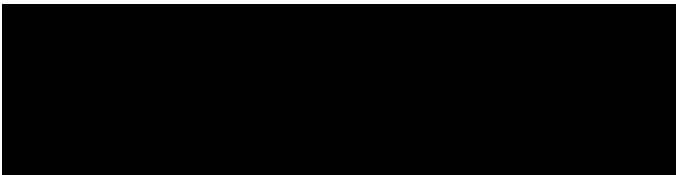
The sample comprises 1,000 respondents, distributed throughout Queensland including Brisbane, regional and rural areas.

YouGov Galaxy designed the questionnaire, a copy of which has been included in this report.

The questionnaire was transferred into Web Survey Creator in order to be hosted online. For each question the respondent had to click on the response which represented his or her answer.

Following the completion of interviewing, the data was weighted by age, gender and region to reflect the latest ABS population estimates.

For inquiries, please contact David Briggs at YouGov Galaxy:

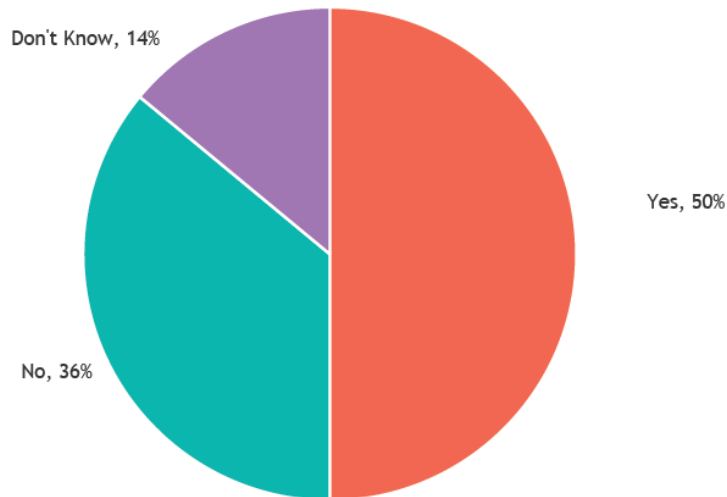


Key Findings

N.B. Q1 was: Are you eligible to vote at elections?

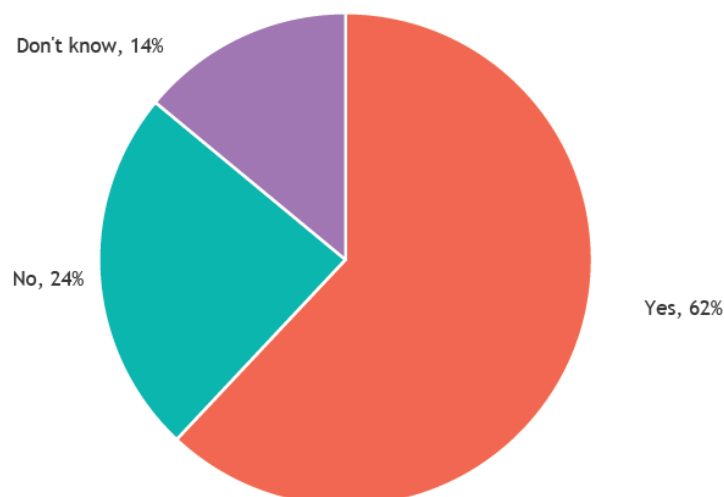
Definition of human life

Q2. Abortion is an operation or procedure which involves termination of an unwanted or difficult pregnancy, preventing birth of a live baby. Do you believe abortion involves the taking of a human life?



Half of the voters in Queensland agree abortion involves the taking of a human life (50%), while a little over one-third (36%) disagree with this premise. It is of interest to note that while 40% of males disagree, only 33% of females do.

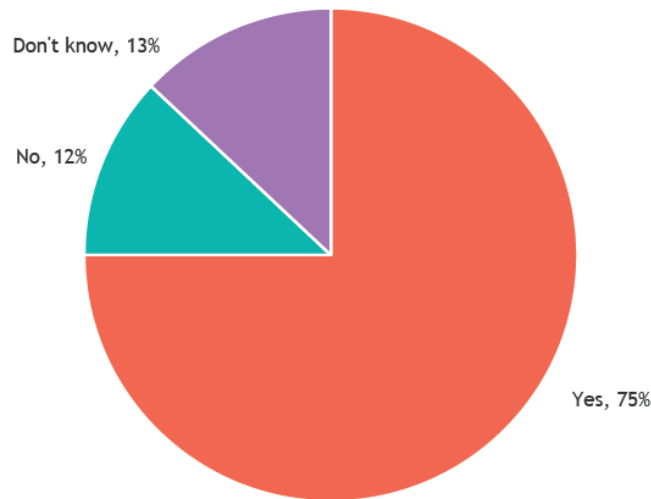
Q3. At 23 weeks (5.3 months) of pregnancy, an unborn baby has a reasonable chance of survival outside the womb. Do you believe that at that time an unborn baby is a person with human rights?



A sizeable majority of Queensland voters (62%) believe that an unborn child at 23 weeks of pregnancy is a person with human rights. 69% of females agree, compared with 54% of males. Almost one-quarter (24%) of voters disagree.

Risks to women

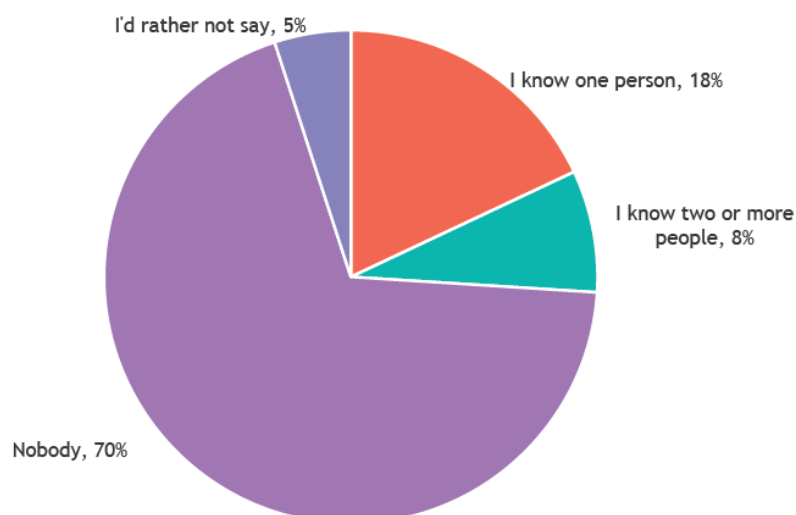
Q4. Do you believe that abortion can harm the physical and/or mental health of a woman?



It is widely accepted that abortion can harm the mental and physical health of a woman (75%). More females (79%) believe this than males (71%).

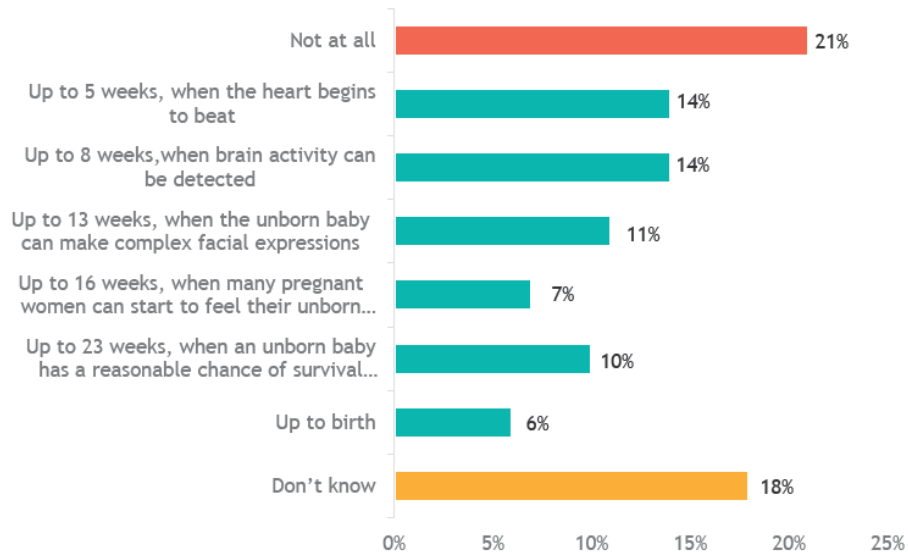
Circumstances surrounding abortion

Q5. One factor that can be involved in a woman's decision to have an abortion is pressure from another person such as a partner. Do you personally know anyone who had an abortion where you believe that pressure from another person was a significant factor in their decision to have the abortion?



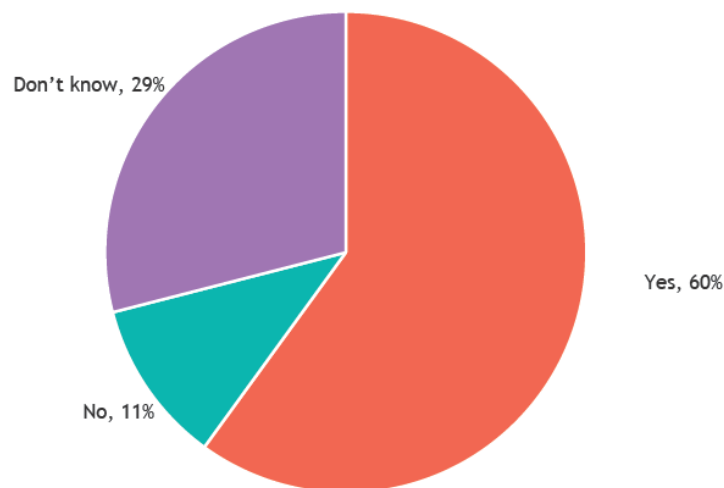
One in four Queensland voters (26%) know at least one woman that took the decision to have an abortion following pressure from another person.

Q6. Up to what stage of pregnancy would you allow abortion?



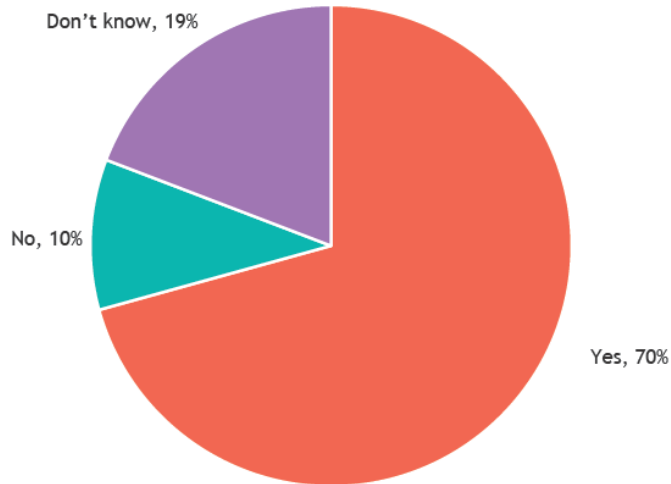
Most voters in Queensland (60%) would not allow abortion after 13 weeks. 66% of females and 54% of males take this view. This group includes 21% of voters who are opposed to abortion at any time. 76% of Queenslanders oppose abortion after 23 weeks of pregnancy, comprising 81% of females and 70% of males. Only 6% support abortion up to birth, comprising 10% of males and 3% of females.

Q7. There is substantial medical evidence that an unborn baby may be capable of experiencing pain during an abortion procedure after 22 weeks of pregnancy. Should the law require that pain relief be given to the baby before an abortion after 22 weeks of pregnancy?



Most voters in Queensland (60%) agree that pain relief should be given to an unborn baby prior to an abortion after 22 weeks. 63% of women agree, as do 57% of men. Only 11% of voters disagree.

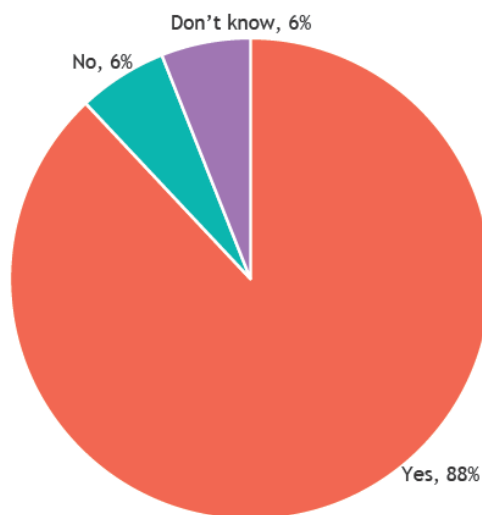
Q8. If a baby survives a late-term abortion after 23 weeks of pregnancy (the point at which there is a reasonable chance of survival outside the womb), should the law require that the baby be cared for like any other premature baby?



A strong majority (70%) of Queensland voters agree that a baby who survives a late-term abortion should be cared for like any other premature baby. 74% of women agree, as do 67% of men. Only 10% of voters disagree.

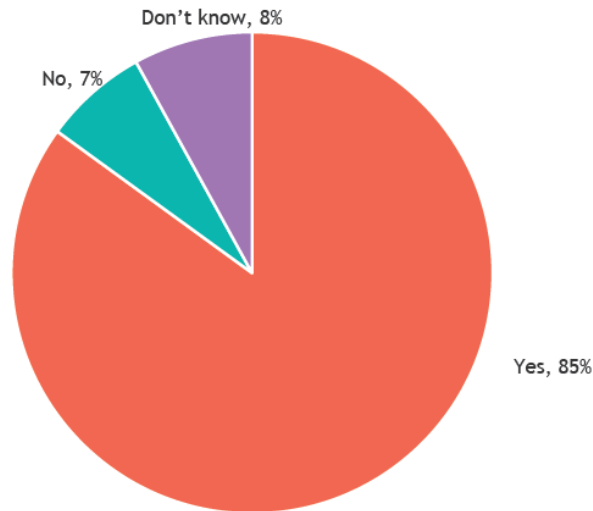
Decision Making

Q9. Do you believe that when considering having an abortion, a woman should receive free independent counselling from a source that has no financial interest in her decision, so that she can make a fully informed decision?



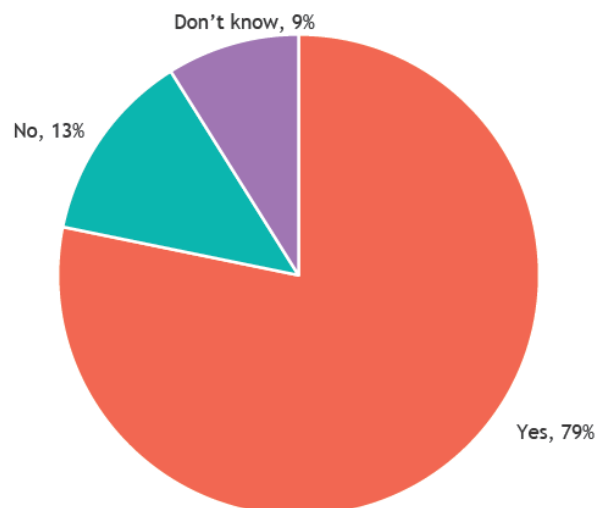
There is widespread belief in Queensland (88%) that before having an abortion a woman should receive free independent counselling so that she can make a fully informed decision. 91% of females and 85% of males take this view.

Q10. Do you believe that a woman considering abortion should receive information on the development of the unborn child, the nature of the procedure, the physical and psychological risks associated with abortion and the support available should she wish to continue with the pregnancy?



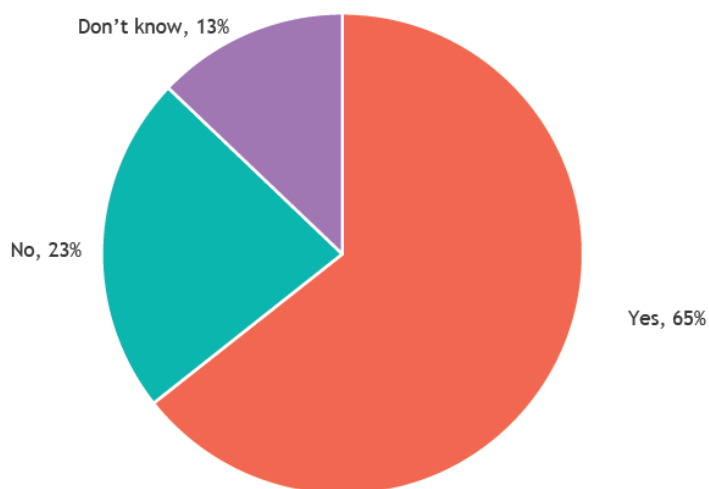
The overwhelming majority of Queensland voters (85%) also support the idea that a woman considering abortion should receive information on the development of the unborn child, the nature of the procedure, the physical and psychological risks associated with abortion and the support available should she wish to continue with the pregnancy.

Q11. Do you believe there should be a cooling-off period of two or three days between making an appointment to have an abortion, and the actual procedure, to ensure that the woman is certain of her decision?



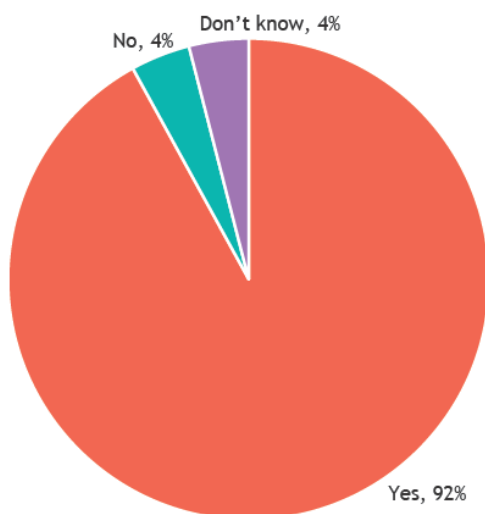
There is strong support (79%) for a cooling off period of two or three days between making an appointment for an abortion and the actual procedure. 81% of females agree, as do 77% of males.

Q12. Do you believe that parental consent should normally be required for girls under the age of 16 to have an abortion?



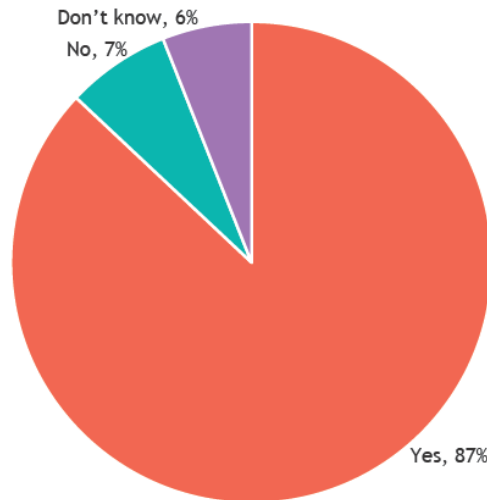
Almost two-thirds of Queensland voters (65%) believe parental consent should normally be required for girls under the age of 16 to have an abortion.

Q13. Do you believe that a woman requesting an abortion should always be seen in person by a qualified doctor?



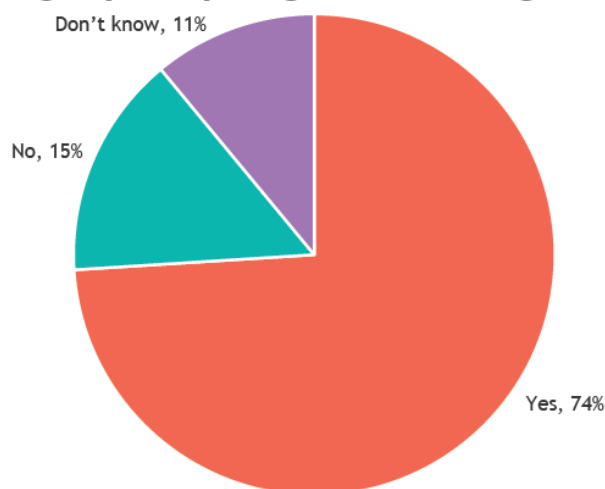
Almost all Queensland voters (92%) believe that a woman requesting an abortion should always be seen in person by a qualified doctor.

Q14. Some women experience mental health effects after an abortion, which range from feelings of guilt, sadness and regret to clinical mental health disorders that may only surface years later. Do you believe that all abortion providers should be required to advise women prior to their abortions that they will provide free independent post-abortion counselling if requested?



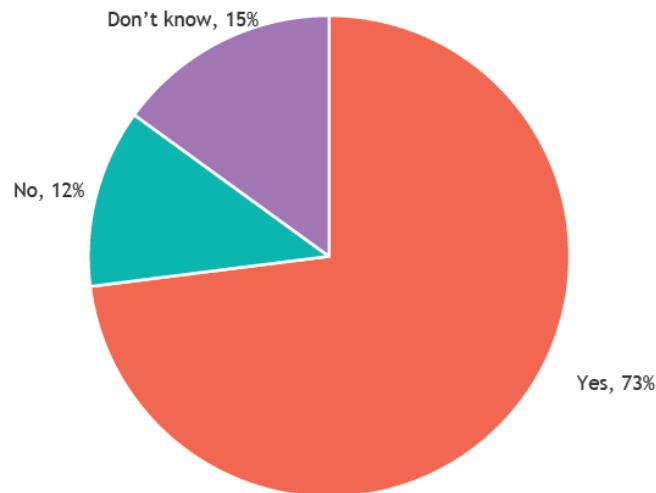
Almost 9 in 10 Queensland voters (87%) believe that all abortion providers should be required to advise women prior to their abortions that they will provide free independent post-abortion counselling if requested. 90% of females take this view compared with 84% of males.

Q15. Many doctors do not wish to perform or participate in abort on in any way, including having to direct a patient to another doctor or abortionist when they believe that is not in their patient’s best interests. Do you support or oppose conscientious objection provisions to allow doctors and nurses to opt out of performing or participating in abortions against their will?



Almost three-quarters of Queensland voters (74%) support conscientious objection provisions allowing doctors and nurses to opt out of having to perform or participate in, or refer for, abortions against their will. Only 13% of females are opposed, compared with 17% of males.

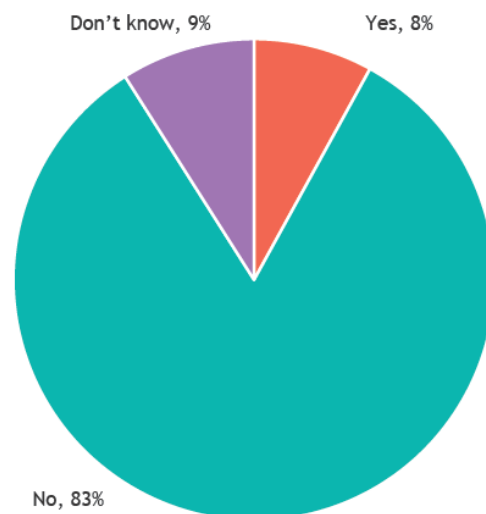
Q16. Only two jurisdictions, South Australia and Western Australia, publish statistics on the annual number of abortions, and only South Australia records the reasons why women choose abortion. Collecting this data would help the Government understand the reasons why women have abortions and whether they are offered adequate support in crisis pregnancies. Do you believe the Queensland Government should gather accurate standardised anonymous data on abortions?



Almost three-quarters of voters (73%) believe the Queensland Government should gather accurate standardised anonymous data on abortions in order to help the Government understand the reasons women have abortions and whether they are offered adequate support in crisis pregnancies.

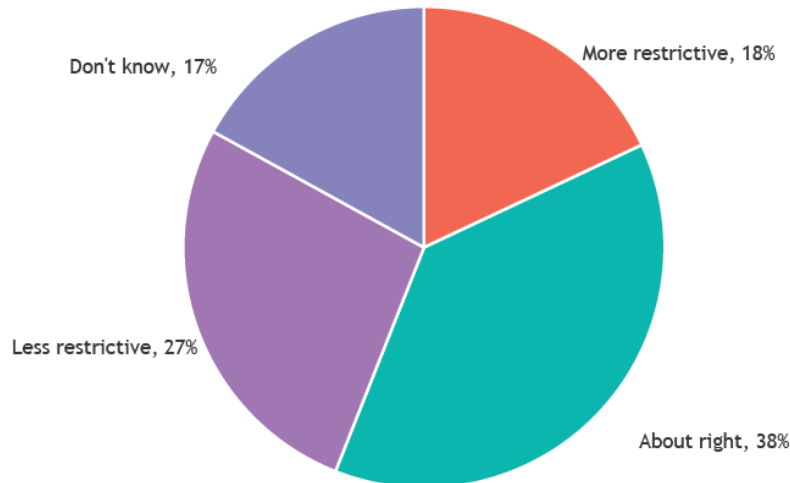
Q17. Sex-selective abortion is the practice of terminating a pregnancy based upon the sex of the unborn baby, usually when it is a girl. Sex-selective abortions are known to occur in Australia. Do you believe that aborting unborn babies solely because of their sex should be permitted in Queensland?

There is only 8% support for sex selective abortions – 11% by males and 5% by females. The vast majority of Queensland voters (83%) are opposed to the idea of aborting unborn babies solely because of their sex.



Legal Aspects

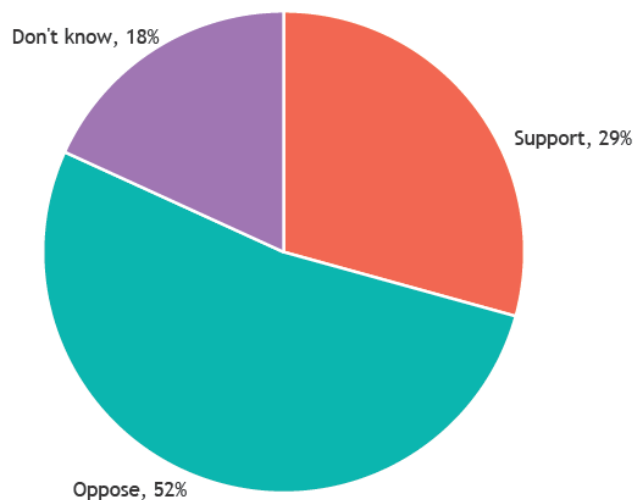
Q18. Under the current law about 14,000 abortions are performed each year in Queensland. The Queensland law on abortion, as has been interpreted by the courts, is that abortion is legal where there is a serious risk to the physical or mental health of the woman. Do you believe the law in Queensland should be more restrictive, less restrictive or is it about right as it is?



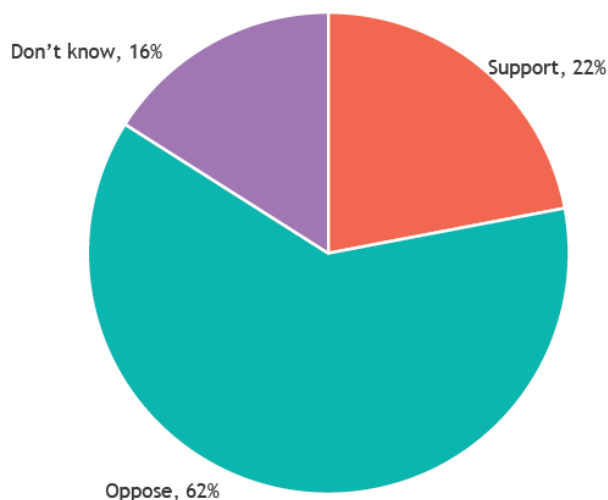
The community is divided over abortion laws in Queensland, with 18% being of the belief that the law as it currently stands is not restrictive enough and 38% thinking it is about right. This means that overall 56% of Queensland voters either believe the law should stay the same or be stricter. 27% of voters think the law should be less restrictive.

Q19. The Queensland Labor Government has announced that it will introduce the Termination of Pregnancy Bill to State Parliament. This Bill will legalise abortion on request for any reason, even sex selection, until 22 weeks of pregnancy. Do you support or oppose abortion being performed for any reason until 22 weeks of pregnancy?

A majority of Queensland voters (52%) oppose the key provision of the Government’s Termination of Pregnancy Bill, which would legalise abortion on request for any reason until 22 weeks of pregnancy. 57% of women oppose this, as do 48% of men. 29% of voters support this provision of the Bill.

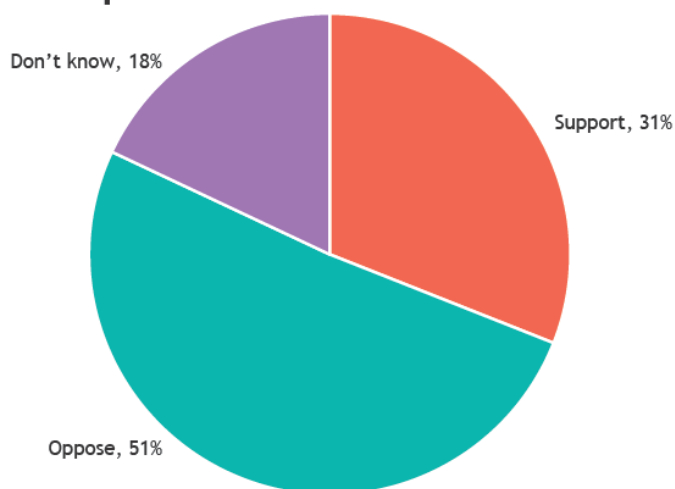


Q20. The Queensland Labor Government’s Termination of Pregnancy Bill will legalise abortion from 22 weeks of pregnancy until birth, under a number of criteria including ‘social circumstances’, which could include economic disadvantage, relationship breakdown or even sex selection. Do you support or oppose abortion being performed after 22 weeks of pregnancy for ‘social’ reasons?



A solid majority of Queensland voters (62%) oppose the provision of the Government’s Termination of Pregnancy Bill which would legalise abortion after 22 weeks of pregnancy for ‘social circumstances’. 70% of women oppose this provision, as do 54% of men. Just 22% of voters support this provision of the Bill.

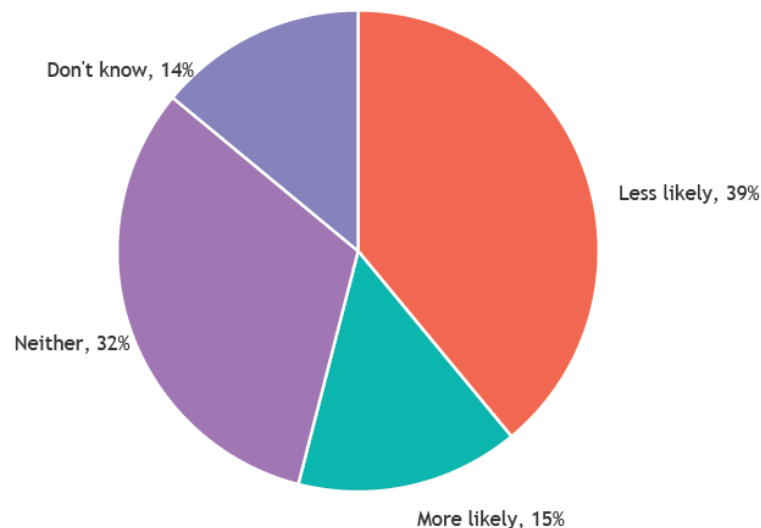
Q21. If the Queensland Labor Government’s Termination of Pregnancy Bill becomes law, taxpayer-funded public hospitals will have to provide free abortions on request, for any reason, even sex selection, until 22 weeks of pregnancy. Do you support or oppose free abortions on request being performed in public hospitals?



A majority of Queenslanders (51%) oppose free abortions on request being performed in public hospitals. 55% of women oppose this, as do 47% of men. 31% of voters are in favour.

Voting Intentions

Q22. If your local Member of State Parliament voted in favour of the Queensland Labor Government's Termination of Pregnancy Bill, which effectively would allow abortion for any reason until birth, would you be less likely or more likely to vote for your Member of Parliament at the next State election?



More than half of all Queensland voters (54%) say that if their local Member of Parliament voted in favour of the Government's Termination of Pregnancy Bill it would influence their vote, and supporting the Bill would be more likely to cost votes (39%) than be a vote winner (15%). The data clearly shows that women are more pro-life than men, with 43% of females saying they would be less likely to vote for a MP who supported the Bill, compared with 35% of males.



JOB NO. 180819
To be fielded no later than
Thursday, 9 August 2018

QUESTIONNAIRE NO: _____

**STANDARD INTRODUCTION
AND DEMOGRAPHICS**

SECTION A - ASK RESPONDENTS AGED 18 YEARS AND OLDER

A1. Thinking now about voting. Are you eligible to vote at elections? Yes 1 * A2
No 2 # Term

ASK IF ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IE CODE 1 IN A1. CODE 2 TERMINATE WITH THANKS

A2. A few questions now about abortion. Abortion is an operation or procedure which involves termination of an unwanted or difficult pregnancy, preventing birth of a live baby. Do you believe abortion involves the taking of a human life? Yes 1
No 2
Don't know 3

A3. At 23 weeks (5.3 months) of pregnancy, an unborn baby has a reasonable chance of survival outside the womb. Do you believe that at that time an unborn baby is a person with human rights? Yes 1
No 2
Don't know 3

A4. Do you believe that abortion can harm the physical and/or mental health of a woman? Yes 1
No 2
Don't know 3

A5. One factor that can be involved in a woman's decision to have an abortion is pressure from another person such as a partner. Do you personally know anyone who had an abortion where you believe that pressure from another person was a significant factor in their decision to have the abortion? I know one person 1
I know two or more people 2
Nobody 3
I'd rather not say 4

Please select one option only

A6. Up to what stage of pregnancy would you allow abortion? Not at all 1
Up to 5 weeks, when the heart begins to beat 2
Up to 8 weeks, when brain activity can be detected 3
Up to 13 weeks, when the unborn baby can make complex facial expressions 4
Up to 16 weeks, when many pregnant women can start to feel their unborn baby moving 5
Up to 23 weeks, when an unborn baby has a reasonable chance of survival outside the womb 6
Up to birth 7
Don't know 8

Please select one option only

A7. There is substantial medical evidence that an unborn baby may be capable of experiencing pain during an abortion procedure after 22 weeks of pregnancy. Should the law require that pain relief be given to the baby before an abortion after 22 weeks of pregnancy? Yes 1
No 2
Don't know 3

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- A8. If a baby survives a late-term abortion after 23 weeks of pregnancy (the point at which there is a reasonable chance of survival outside the womb), should the law require that the baby be cared for like any other premature baby? Yes 1
No 2
Don't know 3
- A9. Do you believe that when considering having an abortion, a woman should receive free independent counselling from a source that has no financial interest in her decision, so that she can make a fully informed decision? Yes 1
No 2
Don't know 3
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No 2
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- A11. Do you believe there should be a cooling-off period of two or three days between making an appointment to have an abortion, and the actual procedure, to ensure that the woman is certain of her decision? Yes 1
No 2
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No 2
Don't know 3
- A15. Many doctors do not wish to perform or participate in abortion in any way, including having to direct a patient to another doctor or abortionist when they believe that is not in their patient's best interests. Do you support a conscientious objection provision to allow doctors and nurses to opt out of performing or participating in abortions against their will? Yes 1
No 2
Don't know 3
- A16. Only two jurisdictions, South Australia and Western Australia, publish statistics on the annual number of abortions, and only South Australia records the reasons why women choose abortion. Collecting this data would help the Government understand the reasons why women have abortions and whether they are offered adequate support in crisis pregnancies. Do you believe the Queensland Government should gather accurate standardised anonymous data on abortions? Yes 1
No 2
Don't know 3
- A17. Sex-selective abortion is the practice of terminating a pregnancy based upon the sex of the unborn baby, usually when it is a girl. Sex-selective abortions are known to occur in Australia. Do you believe that aborting unborn babies solely because of their sex should be permitted in Queensland? Yes 1
No 2
Don't know 3
- A18. Under the current law about 14,000 abortions are performed each year in Queensland. The Queensland law on abortion, as has been interpreted by the courts, is that abortion is legal where there is a serious risk to the physical or mental health of the woman. Do you believe the law in Queensland should be more restrictive, less restrictive or is it about right as it is? SR
More restrictive..... 1
About right..... 2
Less restrictive 3
Don't know 4

Please select one option only

- 3 -

- A19. The Queensland Labor Government has announced that it will introduce the Termination of Pregnancy Bill to State Parliament. This Bill will legalise abortion on request for any reason, even sex selection, until 22 weeks of pregnancy. Do you support or oppose abortion being performed for any reason until 22 weeks of pregnancy?

SR

Support..... 1
 Oppose..... 2
 Don't know 3

Please select one option only

- A20. The Queensland Labor Government's Termination of Pregnancy Bill will legalise abortion from 22 weeks of pregnancy until birth, under a number of criteria including 'social circumstances', which could include economic disadvantage, relationship breakdown or even sex selection. Do you support or oppose abortion being performed after 22 weeks of pregnancy for 'social' reasons?

SR

Support..... 1
 Oppose..... 2
 Don't know 3

Please select one option only

- A21. If the Queensland Labor Government's Termination of Pregnancy Bill becomes law, taxpayer-funded public hospitals will have to provide free abortions on request, for any reason, even sex selection, until 22 weeks of pregnancy, as well as abortions for 'social' reasons after 22 weeks of pregnancy. Do you support or oppose free abortions on request being performed in public hospitals?

SR

Support..... 1
 Oppose..... 2
 Don't know 3

Please select one option only

- A22. If your local Member of State Parliament voted in favour of the Queensland Labor Government's Termination of Pregnancy Bill, which effectively would allow abortion for any reason until birth, would you be less likely or more likely to vote for your Member of Parliament at the next State election?

SR

Less Likely..... 1
 More Likely..... 2
 Neither..... 3
 Don't know..... 4

Please select one option only

Tables

The tables of findings are set out such that they include the following details:

Base Weight Sample (000s):

The number of completed interviews has been weighted to reflect the latest ABS population estimates. These estimates are shown in thousands (000's). The percentages in the table are based on these weighted figures.

Weights:

This indicates that in order to reflect the latest ABS population estimates the data has been weighted by age, gender and region.

Filters (where applicable):

If the table is based on a subset of respondents then this will be titled as a Filter and accompanied by a description of the sample upon which the table is based.

Respondents:

These figures show the actual sample size, indicating the total number of respondents who were asked the relevant question.

Each question has been analysed by a series of demographic variables as follows:

- **SEX:**
 - Male
 - Female
- **AGE:**
 - 18-34 years
 - 35-49 years
 - 50 years or older
- **AREA:**
 - Brisbane
 - Rest of Queensland
- **MARITAL STATUS:**
 - Married
 - Not married
- **HIGHEST EDUCATION LEVEL:**
 - Below Year 12
 - Years 12 or over
- **HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**
 - Less than \$50,000
 - \$50,000-\$99,999
 - \$100,000 or more

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 TABLE 1 Banner 1 *BY* A2. Believe abortion involves the taking of a human life
 BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)
 WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Sex		Age			Area		Marital Status		Highest Education Level		Household Income			
	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50+	Bris -bane	Rest Qld	Marr -ied	Not Marr -ied	Below Year 12 Year 12		< \$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
RESPONDENTS	1000	500	500	243	266	491	491	509	614	386	264	736	344	328	218
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
A2. Believe abortion involves the taking of a human life															
Yes	1548	734	815	480	373	695	745	804	925	624	424	1124	517	565	334
	50%	49%	51%	55%	46%	49%	50%	49%	50%	50%	53%	49%	49%	55%	49%
No	1122	598	524	325	285	511	525	597	685	436	252	869	397	341	278
	36%	40%	33%	37%	35%	36%	36%	37%	37%	35%	31%	38%	38%	33%	41%
Don't know	435	176	259	64	152	219	206	229	255	180	128	308	132	129	67
	14%	12%	16%	7%	19%	15%	14%	14%	14%	15%	16%	13%	13%	12%	10%
TOTALS	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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 TABLE 2 Banner 1 *BY* A3. Believe unborn baby at 23 weeks is a human person with human rights
 BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)
 WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Sex		Age			Area		Marital Status		Highest Education Level		Household Income			
	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50+	Bris -bane	Rest Qld	Marr -ied	Not Marr -ied	Below Year 12 Year 12		< \$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
RESPONDENTS	1000	500	500	243	266	491	491	509	614	386	264	736	344	328	218
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
A3. Believe unborn baby at 23 weeks is a human person with human rights															
Yes	1928	819	1109	516	514	898	931	997	1165	763	543	1385	666	663	411
	62%	54%	69%	59%	63%	63%	63%	61%	62%	62%	68%	60%	64%	64%	61%
No	740	466	273	228	172	340	334	405	460	280	144	596	247	250	178
	24%	31%	17%	26%	21%	24%	23%	25%	25%	23%	18%	26%	24%	24%	26%
Don't know	437	223	214	125	125	187	210	227	240	198	117	320	134	122	91
	14%	15%	13%	14%	15%	13%	14%	14%	13%	16%	15%	14%	13%	12%	13%
TOTALS	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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 TABLE 3 Banner 1 *BY* A4. Believe abortion can harm the physical/ mental health of a woman
 BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)
 WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Sex		Age			Area		Marital Status		Highest Education Level		Household Income			
	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50+	Bris -bane	Rest Qld	Marr -ied	Not Marr -ied	Below Year 12 Year 12		< \$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
RESPONDENTS	1000	500	500	243	266	491	491	509	614	386	264	736	344	328	218
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	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
A4. Believe abortion can harm the physical/ mental health of a woman															
Yes	2333	1065	1268	697	625	1011	1136	1197	1391	942	606	1727	765	812	521
	75%	71%	79%	80%	77%	71%	77%	73%	75%	76%	75%	75%	73%	79%	77%
No	369	215	153	85	95	189	176	193	234	135	84	285	125	105	85
	12%	14%	10%	10%	12%	13%	12%	12%	13%	11%	10%	12%	12%	10%	13%
Don't know	403	227	176	87	91	225	163	241	240	163	114	289	157	117	73
	13%	15%	11%	10%	11%	16%	11%	15%	13%	13%	14%	13%	15%	11%	11%
TOTALS	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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TABLE 4 Banner 1 *BY* A5. Know anyone who had an abortion due to pressure from another person
 BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)
 WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Total	Sex		Age			Area		Marital Status		Highest Education Level		Household Income		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50+	Bris-bane	Rest Qld	Marr-ied	Not Marr-ied	Below Year 12		< \$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
RESPONDENTS	1000	500	500	243	266	491	491	509	614	386	264	736	344	328	218
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	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
A5. Know anyone who had an abortion due to pressure from another person															
TOTAL KNOW 1 OR MORE PEOPLE															
I know one person	543	261	283	176	166	201	249	294	338	206	149	395	223	171	125
	18%	17%	18%	20%	21%	14%	17%	18%	18%	17%	19%	17%	21%	17%	18%
I know two or more people	258	118	140	79	74	105	119	139	144	114	57	201	106	79	50
	8%	8%	9%	9%	9%	7%	8%	9%	8%	9%	7%	9%	10%	8%	7%
**SUBTOTALS	802	379	423	254	241	307	369	433	482	320	206	595	329	250	175
	26%	25%	26%	29%	30%	22%	25%	27%	26%	26%	26%	26%	31%	24%	26%
Nobody	2159	1068	1091	585	523	1051	1054	1105	1310	849	542	1617	666	746	493
	70%	71%	68%	67%	64%	74%	71%	68%	70%	68%	67%	70%	64%	72%	73%
I'd rather not say	145	62	83	30	47	68	52	92	73	72	56	88	53	38	11
	5%	4%	5%	3%	6%	5%	4%	6%	4%	6%	7%	4%	5%	4%	2%
TOTALS	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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TABLE 5 Banner 1 *BY* A6. Stage of pregnancy would allow abortion
 BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)
 WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Total	Sex		Age			Area		Marital Status		Highest Education Level		Household Income		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50+	Bris-bane	Rest Qld	Marr-ied	Not Marr-ied	Below Year 12		< \$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
RESPONDENTS	1000	500	500	243	266	491	491	509	614	386	264	736	344	328	218
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
A6. Stage of pregnancy would allow abortion															
Not at all	639	297	342	195	164	281	285	355	382	257	194	445	248	215	127
	21%	20%	21%	22%	20%	20%	19%	22%	20%	21%	24%	19%	24%	21%	19%
Up to 5 weeks, when the heart begins to beat	448	205	243	100	107	241	215	233	244	205	134	314	162	158	87
	14%	14%	15%	12%	13%	17%	15%	14%	13%	16%	17%	14%	15%	15%	13%
Up to 8 weeks, when brain activity can be detected	446	174	272	134	105	207	171	275	279	167	133	312	156	147	91
	14%	12%	17%	15%	13%	15%	12%	17%	15%	13%	17%	14%	15%	14%	13%
Up to 13 weeks, when the unborn baby can make complex facial expressions	328	118	211	112	93	123	166	163	231	98	39	289	100	108	93
	11%	8%	13%	13%	11%	9%	11%	10%	12%	8%	5%	13%	10%	10%	14%
Up to 16 weeks, when many pregnant women can start to feel their unborn baby moving	206	82	124	47	70	89	112	95	129	77	34	172	77	51	50
	7%	5%	8%	5%	9%	6%	8%	6%	7%	6%	4%	7%	7%	5%	7%
Up to 23 weeks, when an unborn baby has a reasonable chance of survival outside the womb	296	185	110	96	66	134	131	164	161	135	40	255	92	112	65
	10%	12%	7%	11%	8%	9%	9%	10%	9%	11%	5%	11%	9%	11%	10%
Up to birth	196	150	45	72	50	74	106	90	111	84	19	177	42	85	60
	6%	10%	3%	8%	6%	5%	7%	6%	6%	7%	2%	8%	4%	8%	9%

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TABLE 5 (CONT.) Banner 1 *BY* A6. Stage of pregnancy would allow abortion

	Sex		Age			Area		Marital Status		Highest Education Level		Household Income			
	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50+	Brisbane	Rest Qld	Marr-ied	Not Marr-ied	Below Year 12		< \$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
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	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
A6. Stage of pregnancy would allow abortion															
Don't know	546	297	249	113	155	277	291	255	328	218	210	336	169	157	105
	18%	20%	16%	13%	19%	19%	20%	16%	18%	18%	26%	15%	16%	15%	16%
TOTALS	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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TABLE 6 Banner 1 *BY* A7. Should law require pain relief be given to baby before abortion after 22 weeks of pregnancy
BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)
WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Sex		Age			Area		Marital Status		Highest Education Level		Household Income			
	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50+	Brisbane	Rest Qld	Marr-ied	Not Marr-ied	Below Year 12		< \$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
											Year 12	Year 12			
RESPONDENTS	1000	500	500	243	266	491	491	509	614	386	264	736	344	328	218
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
A7. Should law require pain relief be given to baby before abortion after 22 weeks of pregnancy															
Yes	1858	853	1005	514	495	849	863	995	1141	717	461	1396	612	632	442
	60%	57%	63%	59%	61%	60%	59%	61%	61%	58%	57%	61%	58%	61%	65%
No	338	214	124	150	67	121	169	168	204	133	69	268	122	128	73
	11%	14%	8%	17%	8%	8%	11%	10%	11%	11%	9%	12%	12%	12%	11%
Don't know	909	441	468	205	249	455	443	467	520	389	273	636	313	274	164
	29%	29%	29%	24%	31%	32%	30%	29%	28%	31%	34%	28%	30%	26%	24%
TOTALS	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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TABLE 7 Banner 1 *BY* A8. If baby survives late-term abortion should law require it is cared for like any other premature baby
BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)
WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Sex		Age			Area		Marital Status		Highest Education Level		Household Income			
	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50+	Brisbane	Rest Qld	Marr-ied	Not Marr-ied	Below Year 12		< \$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
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RESPONDENTS	1000	500	500	243	266	491	491	509	614	386	264	736	344	328	218
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
A8. If baby survives late-term abortion should law require it is cared for like any other premature baby															
Yes	2188	1010	1178	590	541	1056	1037	1151	1311	877	582	1606	744	753	476
	70%	67%	74%	68%	67%	74%	70%	71%	70%	71%	72%	70%	71%	73%	70%
No	319	187	132	115	66	139	163	156	195	125	59	261	116	108	69
	10%	12%	8%	13%	8%	10%	11%	10%	10%	10%	7%	11%	11%	10%	10%
Don't know	598	311	287	164	204	230	276	322	360	238	163	435	186	174	134
	19%	21%	18%	19%	25%	16%	19%	20%	19%	19%	20%	19%	18%	17%	20%
TOTALS	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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TABLE 8 Banner 1 *BY* A9. Believe woman should receive free independent counselling/ information before having an abortion
 BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)
 WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Sex		Age			Area		Marital Status		Highest Education Level		Household Income			
	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50+	Bris-bane	Rest Qld	Marr-ied	Not Marr-ied	Below Year 12		< \$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
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WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
A9. Believe woman should receive free independent counselling/ information before having an abortion															
Yes	2746	1291	1455	740	718	1289	1287	1459	1644	1102	718	2029	927	926	608
	88%	86%	91%	85%	89%	90%	87%	90%	88%	89%	89%	88%	89%	90%	90%
No	173	111	62	82	43	48	98	75	106	67	27	146	56	58	52
	6%	7%	4%	9%	5%	3%	7%	5%	6%	5%	3%	6%	5%	6%	8%
Don't know	186	106	80	48	50	88	90	96	115	71	60	126	63	50	19
	6%	7%	5%	5%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	7%	5%	6%	5%	3%
TOTALS	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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TABLE 9 Banner 1 *BY* A10. Believe women should be informed of the physical and psychological risks and the support if wish to continue with the pregnancy
 BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)
 WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Sex		Age			Area		Marital Status		Highest Education Level		Household Income			
	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50+	Bris-bane	Rest Qld	Marr-ied	Not Marr-ied	Below Year 12		< \$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
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WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
A10. Believe women should be informed of the physical and psychological risks and the support if wish to continue with the pregnancy															
Yes	2627	1284	1343	732	680	1215	1251	1376	1589	1038	674	1953	871	915	574
	85%	85%	84%	84%	84%	85%	85%	84%	85%	84%	84%	85%	83%	85%	85%
No	229	107	122	76	58	94	113	116	128	101	48	181	83	68	56
	7%	7%	8%	9%	7%	7%	8%	7%	7%	8%	6%	8%	8%	7%	8%
Don't know	249	118	132	60	72	117	112	138	149	101	83	167	92	51	48
	8%	8%	8%	7%	9%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	10%	7%	9%	5%	7%
TOTALS	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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TABLE 10 Banner 1 *BY* A11. Believe there should be a cooling-off period between making appointment and procedure
 BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)
 WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Sex		Age			Area		Marital Status		Highest Education Level		Household Income			
	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50+	Bris-bane	Rest Qld	Marr-ied	Not Marr-ied	Below Year 12		< \$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
											Year 12	Year 12			
RESPONDENTS	1000	500	500	243	266	491	491	509	614	386	264	736	344	328	218
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
A11. Believe there should be a cooling-off period between making appointment and procedure															
Yes	2444	1157	1287	641	633	1170	1140	1305	1493	951	632	1813	822	806	563
	79%	77%	81%	74%	78%	82%	77%	80%	80%	77%	79%	79%	79%	78%	83%
No	389	216	173	150	95	145	198	192	232	157	80	310	142	134	75
	13%	14%	11%	17%	12%	10%	13%	12%	12%	13%	10%	13%	14%	13%	11%
Don't know	271	135	136	78	83	110	138	133	140	131	92	179	83	94	41
	9%	9%	9%	9%	10%	8%	9%	8%	8%	11%	11%	8%	8%	9%	6%
TOTALS	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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TABLE 11 Banner 1 *BY* A12. Believe parental consent should be required for girls under the age of 16 to have an abortion
BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)
WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Sex		Age			Area		Marital Status		Highest Education Level		Household Income			
	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50+	Bris-bane	Rest Qld	Marr-ied	Not Marr-ied	Below Year 12		< \$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
											Year 12	Year 12			
RESPONDENTS	1000	500	500	243	266	491	491	509	614	386	264	736	344	328	218
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
A12. Believe parental consent should be required for girls under the age of 16 to have an abortion															
Yes	2004	960	1044	476	551	976	964	1040	1232	772	571	1432	678	692	421
	65%	64%	65%	55%	68%	69%	65%	64%	66%	62%	71%	62%	65%	67%	62%
No	703	366	337	273	173	258	334	369	412	291	107	596	216	245	176
	23%	24%	21%	31%	21%	18%	23%	23%	22%	23%	13%	26%	21%	24%	26%
Don't know	398	182	217	120	87	191	177	221	221	177	126	273	152	98	82
	13%	12%	14%	14%	11%	13%	12%	14%	12%	14%	16%	12%	15%	9%	12%
TOTALS	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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TABLE 12 Banner 1 *BY* A13. Believe a woman requesting an abortion should always be seen in person by a qualified doctor
BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)
WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Sex		Age			Area		Marital Status		Highest Education Level		Household Income			
	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50+	Bris-bane	Rest Qld	Marr-ied	Not Marr-ied	Below Year 12		< \$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
											Year 12	Year 12			
RESPONDENTS	1000	500	500	243	266	491	491	509	614	386	264	736	344	328	218
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
A13. Believe a woman requesting an abortion should always be seen in person by a qualified doctor															
Yes	2844	1360	1484	763	743	1338	1332	1512	1680	1164	750	2095	972	939	610
	92%	90%	93%	88%	92%	94%	90%	93%	90%	94%	93%	91%	93%	91%	90%
No	123	80	43	52	37	34	75	48	85	38	24	99	27	53	39
	4%	5%	3%	6%	5%	2%	5%	3%	5%	3%	3%	4%	3%	5%	6%
Don't know	138	67	70	54	31	53	68	70	100	37	31	107	47	42	29
	4%	4%	4%	6%	4%	4%	5%	4%	5%	3%	4%	5%	5%	4%	4%
TOTALS	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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TABLE 13 Banner 1 *BY* A14. Believe all abortion providers should be required to advise women they will provide free independent post-abortion counselling if requested
BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)
WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Sex		Age			Area		Marital Status		Highest Education Level		Household Income			
	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50+	Bris-bane	Rest Qld	Marr-ied	Not Marr-ied	Below Year 12		< \$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
											Year 12	Year 12			
RESPONDENTS	1000	500	500	243	266	491	491	509	614	386	264	736	344	328	218
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
A14. Believe all abortion providers should be required to advise women they will provide free independent post-abortion counselling if requested															
Yes	2704	1267	1437	732	690	1282	1264	1439	1633	1071	715	1988	928	875	603
	87%	84%	90%	84%	85%	90%	86%	88%	88%	86%	89%	86%	89%	85%	89%
No	211	125	86	98	58	55	110	101	112	99	30	181	73	85	43
	7%	8%	5%	11%	7%	4%	7%	6%	6%	8%	4%	8%	7%	8%	6%
Don't know	190	117	74	40	63	88	101	90	120	71	59	132	45	74	32
	6%	8%	5%	5%	8%	6%	7%	5%	6%	6%	7%	6%	4%	7%	5%
TOTALS	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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TABLE 14

Banner 1 *BY* A15. Support conscientious objection provisions to allow doctors and nurses to opt out of performing abortions
 BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)
 WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Total	Sex		Age			Area		Marital Status		Highest Education Level		Household Income		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50+	Bris -bane	Rest Qld	Marr -ied	Not Marr -ied	Below Year 12	Year 12	< \$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
RESPONDENTS	1000	500	500	243	266	491	491	509	614	386	264	736	344	328	218
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
A15. Support conscientious objection provisions to allow doctors and nurses to opt out of performing abortions															
Yes	2290	1114	1177	561	571	1158	1082	1209	1373	917	613	1677	793	774	501
	74%	74%	74%	65%	70%	81%	73%	74%	74%	74%	76%	73%	76%	75%	74%
No	458	250	208	198	125	135	248	211	279	179	64	394	148	160	109
	15%	17%	13%	23%	15%	10%	17%	13%	15%	14%	8%	17%	14%	15%	16%
Don't know	356	144	212	110	115	131	146	211	213	144	127	230	106	101	68
	11%	10%	13%	13%	14%	9%	10%	13%	11%	12%	16%	10%	10%	10%	10%
TOTALS	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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TABLE 15

Banner 1 *BY* A16. Believe Qld Govt should gather accurate standardised anonymous data on abortions
 BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)
 WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Total	Sex		Age			Area		Marital Status		Highest Education Level		Household Income		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50+	Bris -bane	Rest Qld	Marr -ied	Not Marr -ied	Below Year 12	Year 12	< \$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
RESPONDENTS	1000	500	500	243	266	491	491	509	614	386	264	736	344	328	218
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
A16. Believe Qld Govt should gather accurate standardised anonymous data on abortions															
Yes	2271	1116	1155	633	570	1068	1060	1211	1405	866	554	1717	773	791	511
	73%	74%	72%	73%	70%	75%	72%	74%	75%	70%	69%	75%	74%	77%	75%
No	369	193	176	117	109	143	205	164	200	169	85	284	128	125	79
	12%	13%	11%	13%	13%	10%	14%	10%	11%	14%	11%	12%	12%	12%	12%
Don't know	465	200	265	119	132	214	209	256	261	204	165	300	146	118	89
	15%	13%	17%	14%	16%	15%	14%	16%	14%	16%	21%	13%	14%	11%	13%
TOTALS	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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Banner 1 *BY* A17. Allow sex-selective abortion
 BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)
 WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Total	Sex		Age			Area		Marital Status		Highest Education Level		Household Income		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50+	Bris -bane	Rest Qld	Marr -ied	Not Marr -ied	Below Year 12	Year 12	< \$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
RESPONDENTS	1000	500	500	243	266	491	491	509	614	386	264	736	344	328	218
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
A17. Allow sex-selective abortion															
Yes	252	173	79	132	55	64	140	112	128	123	51	201	83	89	60
	8%	11%	5%	15%	7%	5%	9%	7%	7%	10%	6%	9%	8%	9%	9%
No	2586	1217	1369	631	691	1264	1216	1371	1596	990	675	1911	892	861	566
	83%	81%	86%	73%	85%	89%	82%	84%	86%	83%	84%	83%	85%	83%	83%
Don't know	267	118	149	106	65	96	120	147	141	126	78	189	72	84	52
	9%	8%	9%	12%	8%	7%	8%	9%	8%	10%	10%	8%	7%	8%	8%
TOTALS	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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TABLE 17 Banner 1 *BY* A18. Believe law as it stands should be more restrictive/ about right/ less restrictive
 BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)
 WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Sex		Age			Area		Marital Status		Highest Education Level		Household Income			
	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50+	Bris-bane	Rest Qld	Marr-ied	Not Marr-ied	Below Year 12		< \$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
											Year 12	Year 12			
RESPONDENTS	1000	500	500	243	266	491	491	509	614	386	264	736	344	328	218
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
A18. Believe law as it stands should be more restrictive/ about right/ less restrictive															
More restrictive	573	310	263	195	165	214	248	326	342	231	153	420	182	226	125
	18%	21%	16%	22%	20%	15%	17%	20%	18%	19%	19%	18%	17%	22%	18%
About right	1167	538	629	325	293	548	570	597	717	450	334	832	427	363	266
	38%	36%	39%	37%	36%	38%	39%	37%	38%	36%	42%	36%	41%	35%	39%
Less restrictive	845	405	440	216	198	431	374	471	535	310	142	703	266	285	203
	27%	27%	28%	25%	24%	30%	25%	29%	29%	25%	18%	31%	25%	28%	30%
Don't know	520	256	265	133	155	233	284	237	271	249	175	345	172	160	85
	17%	17%	17%	15%	19%	16%	19%	15%	15%	20%	22%	15%	16%	15%	13%
TOTALS	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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TABLE 18 Banner 1 *BY* A19. Support or oppose abortion being performed for any reason until 22 weeks of pregnancy
 BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)
 WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Sex		Age			Area		Marital Status		Highest Education Level		Household Income			
	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50+	Bris-bane	Rest Qld	Marr-ied	Not Marr-ied	Below Year 12		< \$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
											Year 12	Year 12			
RESPONDENTS	1000	500	500	243	266	491	491	509	614	386	264	736	344	328	218
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
A19. Support or oppose abortion being performed for any reason until 22 weeks of pregnancy															
Support	913	491	422	317	213	383	431	482	549	364	140	773	324	273	226
	29%	33%	26%	36%	26%	27%	29%	30%	29%	29%	17%	34%	31%	26%	33%
Oppose	1622	718	904	396	416	809	747	874	1030	592	497	1125	523	590	368
	52%	48%	57%	46%	51%	57%	51%	54%	55%	48%	62%	49%	50%	57%	54%
Don't know	570	300	271	156	182	233	296	274	287	284	167	403	200	171	85
	18%	20%	17%	18%	22%	16%	20%	17%	15%	23%	21%	18%	19%	17%	13%
TOTALS	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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TABLE 19 Banner 1 *BY* A20. Support or oppose abortion being performed after 22 weeks of pregnancy for social reasons
 BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)
 WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Sex		Age			Area		Marital Status		Highest Education Level		Household Income			
	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50+	Bris-bane	Rest Qld	Marr-ied	Not Marr-ied	Below Year 12		< \$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
											Year 12	Year 12			
RESPONDENTS	1000	500	500	243	266	491	491	509	614	386	264	736	344	328	218
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
A20. Support or oppose abortion being performed after 22 weeks of pregnancy for social reasons															
Support	677	388	288	296	146	235	338	339	364	313	105	572	227	227	169
	22%	26%	18%	34%	18%	16%	23%	21%	20%	25%	13%	25%	22%	22%	25%
Oppose	1932	811	1121	433	515	984	891	1042	1240	692	560	1372	650	665	420
	62%	54%	70%	50%	64%	69%	60%	64%	66%	56%	70%	60%	62%	64%	62%
Don't know	496	309	188	141	150	206	247	250	261	235	139	357	170	143	90
	16%	20%	12%	16%	18%	14%	17%	15%	14%	19%	17%	16%	16%	14%	13%
TOTALS	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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TABLE 20 Banner 1 *BY* A21. Support or oppose free abortions on request being performed in public hospitals
BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)
WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Total	Sex		Age			Area		Marital Status		Highest Education Level		Household Income		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50+	Bris-bane	Rest Qld	Marr-ied	Not Marr-ied	Below Year 12		< \$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
												Year 12			
RESPONDENTS	1000	500	500	243	266	491	491	509	614	386	264	736	344	328	218
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
A21. Support or oppose free abortions on request being performed in public hospitals															
Support	964	525	439	371	213	380	480	484	569	395	171	793	358	302	218
	31%	35%	28%	43%	26%	27%	33%	30%	31%	32%	21%	34%	34%	29%	32%
Oppose	1593	712	882	345	420	829	720	873	1025	568	477	1116	529	564	359
	51%	47%	55%	40%	52%	58%	49%	54%	55%	46%	59%	48%	51%	55%	53%
Don't know	547	271	276	153	178	217	275	273	271	276	156	392	159	168	102
	18%	18%	17%	18%	22%	15%	19%	17%	15%	22%	19%	17%	15%	16%	15%
TOTALS	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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TABLE 21 Banner 1 *BY* A22. Would local MP voting in favour of decriminalising abortion influence vote at next state election
BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)
WEIGHTS: Age/Sex/Area

	Total	Sex		Age			Area		Marital Status		Highest Education Level		Household Income		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50+	Bris-bane	Rest Qld	Marr-ied	Not Marr-ied	Below Year 12		< \$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
												Year 12			
RESPONDENTS	1000	500	500	243	266	491	491	509	614	386	264	736	344	328	218
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
A22. Would local MP voting in favour of decriminalising abortion influence vote at next state election															
Less Likely	1220	535	685	272	324	624	537	683	775	445	352	869	409	440	269
	39%	35%	43%	31%	40%	44%	36%	42%	42%	36%	44%	38%	39%	43%	40%
More Likely	460	238	222	210	106	143	234	226	273	187	60	400	150	150	131
	15%	16%	14%	24%	13%	10%	16%	14%	15%	15%	7%	17%	14%	14%	19%
Neither	992	537	455	270	258	463	488	504	563	429	237	755	321	328	212
	32%	36%	28%	31%	32%	33%	33%	31%	30%	35%	29%	33%	31%	32%	31%
Don't know	433	197	235	116	122	194	216	217	253	179	156	277	167	117	67
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TOTALS	3105	1508	1597	869	811	1425	1475	1630	1865	1240	804	2301	1047	1034	679
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