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To the Queensland Parliament Health Committee

Hello,

I write in opposition to the Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018 currently before the committee. The Bill is anti-woman, anti-health, anti-child, anti-society and totally immoral by any definition of the term.

Any action to take a human life under this premise must have a satisfactory reason, morally and medically. Any law that attempts to overrule these fundamental human rights is itself immoral.

Only 6% of Queenslanders support this Bill (YouGov Galaxy Research poll, August 2018).

Decriminalisation will inevitably increase the number of abortions which is already too high to be acceptable to a reasonable, fully functioning society.

Abortion "reform" as proposed in the Bill takes no account of the child and its rights, it merely allows the woman the sole right to murder her child for no valid reason at all. This is a nothing short of a crime against humanity.

The effects of abortion on individual women is serious (the evidence for this is overwhelming). The physical and emotional effects are enormous. Why would any society inflict this damage on its women? At what cost to society both in terms of the cost of post-abortion treatment required for the women involved and for the reduced birth rate that will result as many of these women will become either physically or mentally unable to become mothers in the future.

To legislate that doctors must throw out their centuries' old oaths of healing as proposed under this Bill is not something any parliament has a right to do. Doctors must retain freedom of conscience and the right to deal with their patients in the manner that best maintains that patient's life, including the life of an unborn child. The proposed Bill provides no safeguards, the proposed requirement to have two doctors approve an abortion is no safeguard at all. Such clauses make a mockery both of law and of medicine. Queensland will become a laughing stock if this Bill is introduced into the Queensland Parliament with these nonsensical, even frivolous provisions.

Existing Queensland law against abortion has a compelling, vital role in educating society, especially vulnerable and, generally, young women as to the seriousness of abortion. All killing (acknowledging as currently allowed in Queensland where the life of mother or child is at serious risk) is against the law and must remain so. Children that will be killed under the proposed Bill will have been condemned, tried, convicted and sentenced to death without any charge ever having been made against them. We do not deal in this way with the worst of offenders, not with terrorists, child molesters, serial killers, the list goes on... with anything even slightly approaching such inhumanity. To our own children - the future of our society.

Women considering an abortion must be offered independent counselling offering real choice and which will support women who choose to keep their children.

It is hard to understand how the Parliamentary Health Committee, the Minister for Health and Queensland Health (acting separately or together) can have anything to do with the termination of life. The concept is entirely contrary to health.

Please stop this horrible legislation from being introduced into the Queensland Parliament. It is your job as a committee of review of health legislation to ensure that bills put before the Parliament are required

and appropriate for the necessary good government and the ongoing health of all Queenslanders, including those alive but unborn at any given date. Passing of a Bill without such an appropriate focus, and one especially being promoted by such a small, radical minority, who do not speak for anything resembling a majority of Queensland voters, is absurd.

Please throw it out.

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