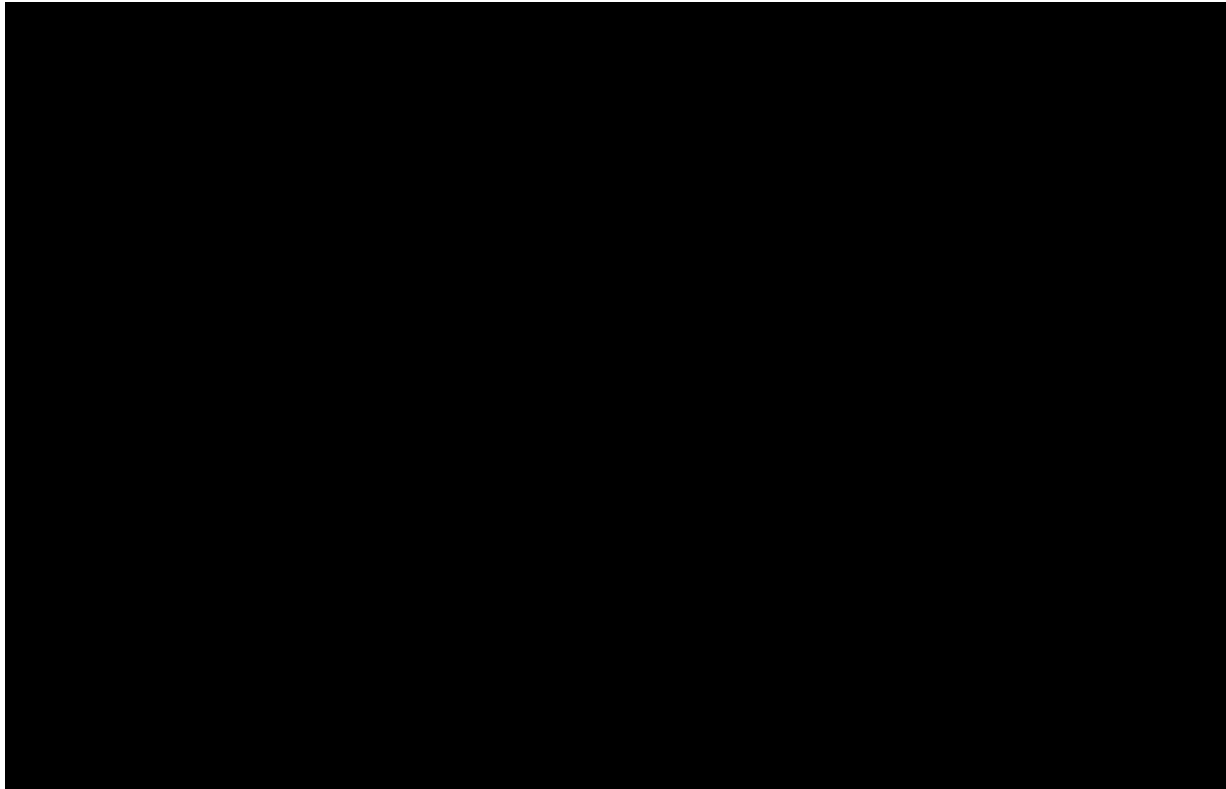


## Abortion Bill - A Matter of Conscience



*To quote the then Independent Cairns MP Mr. Rob Pyne, "I have not made any suggestion in relation to gestation periods, whether it be 24 weeks, 20 weeks or whatever, because my main concern is that this Parliament get together and pass law reform in this area".*

4<sup>th</sup> of June 2016

Dear Member of Queensland Parliament Health Committee

In the above quote the then member Mr. Rob Pyne made it clear that he had no concern for the pre-born child in the womb, "24 weeks, 20 weeks or whatever". The current Bill, now before you, appears equally disinterested in the developing child.

Of the six faces in the photograph above, all are smiling, but one. You might recognise him. To many he is a nuisance who should be, yet again, locked up in a prison cell for standing firm in his convictions.

Yet for the prolife community of Queensland, Graham Preston is a home grown hero who has dedicated **his life** to defend **the life** of the unborn child.

The photo that Graham is holding should be the reality check for the smiling faces beside him. It so clearly expresses the truth of abortion. They are arms and legs of little children that you can see in the picture. Some say that it is fine to [REDACTED], ("24 weeks, 20 weeks or whatever") as long as the gruesome event occurs within the mother's womb. And this is often "justified" by stating the mother is within her right to do as she wishes with her own body. The child

within, obviously, cannot of itself express such an equal right. So consequently, on the day, we had a brave man in Graham who has taken it upon himself to speak on their behalf.

Soon you will report to Parliament. It is you who will be speaking on behalf of the child person within the womb. Before you do, please give due and unbiased consideration to the pro-life advocates as they strive to enlighten you on their perspective of the issue.

From personal experience, I have witnessed on numerous occasions that many who believe they are pro-choice, base their views on what the majority think, and on convenience. For many, when they realise that the foetus **is** a person with arms and legs and a developing mind, they actually get angry with themselves and society at large for having deceived them.

When you submit you report, please do so knowing that you have fully researched this fundamentally important issue. It is obvious that all other human rights are foundational on the right to life itself.

And finally if I may, with the express purpose of making it personal, when you table your report, please dedicate it to one of your own children, past or present.

Sincerely and respectfully

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