

Subject: I urge you to advise MPs to oppose the Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018 for both moral and practical reasons

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Dear committee,

I would like to present my submission to you concerning the Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018, which would decriminalise abortion and allow babies to be murdered for any reason up to birth.

I would first like to note that a Galaxy Poll conducted in Queensland last month [REDACTED] shows that the majority of Queenslanders either do not believe that abortion law should change or believe that abortions should be made more restrictive. The poll also asked voters about their views on abortion and found that from every angle more Queenslanders opposed the provisions in the Termination of Pregnancy Bill than supported them.

In fact, the final question explicitly asked voters whether they would be more or less likely to vote for their MP if that MP voted to decriminalise abortion. The result indicated that 39% would be less likely and only 15% more likely meaning MPs who vote for such legislation can expect a large swing against them at the next election: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Clearly, decriminalising abortion is not something that the voters of Queensland want.

I mention this poll in my submission because section 15 of the bill makes it a criminal offence for anyone to engage in any action that 'relates to terminations or could reasonably be perceived as relating to terminations' and 'would be reasonably likely to deter a person requesting or undergoing a termination.'

I would like you to note that passing such a bill would not only decriminalise abortion, against the wishes of the majority of Queenslanders, but would also make it illegal for this same majority to exercise their civil rights by communicating with others or peacefully protesting within 150 metres of where the killing takes place.

I trust that these poll findings will compel you to report that community attitude is decidedly in favour of rejecting this bill, and, furthermore, that such a bill will adversely affect Queenslanders' civil rights. I, therefore, hope your report will advise MPs not to support this bill both on moral and practical grounds.

Yours faithfully,

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