

Subject: Rob Pyne"s Abortion Law Reform Amendment Bill 2016

Dear Committee Members,

Please find below our submission to the enquiry into the Abortion Law Reform Amendment Bill 2016.

We hope the committee appreciates that if passed into law, this bill would leave preborn babies with absolutely no legal protection against those who wish to take their lives. Indeed, these babies could then be killed for any reason whatsoever and right up to the day of their birth.

Furthermore, there is evidence to suggest that when abortion is decriminalised, late term abortion rates substantially increase. For example, when Victoria decriminalised abortion in 2008, the number of late term abortions surged by 600% (<http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/aborted-babies-being-left-to-die-20101006-167u0.html>).

We hope the committee will report on this likely increase in the number of late-term abortions in Queensland if this bill were to be passed. We also hope that the committee will go further and ask MPs to consider whether condemning many more babies to the abhorrent and barbaric practice of being dismembered while still alive is something they want to see happen.

In fact, if MPs do want to change the law, then they should ban this barbaric practice. To date, twenty-three US states to-date have banned late-term abortions; and it is about time that we followed their example, because in the 21st century abortion is shaping-up as the human rights abuse issue equivalent to slavery in the 19th century.

Abortion law in Queensland does indeed need to be modernised, but not in the way that this bill suggests.

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