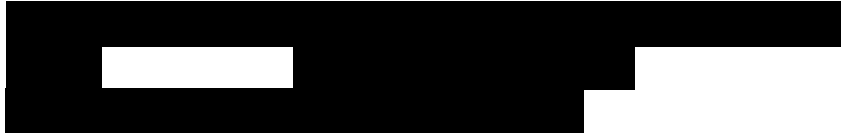


Submission - Inquiry into Abortion Law Reform

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Submission

Firstly, I have no objection to decriminalising abortion, as the Australian Capital Territory, Victoria and Tasmania have done. I would strongly recommend that restrictions be put in place for later term abortions.

I am however very uneasy about parliamentarians deciding the gestation age at which an unborn baby is considered a baby.

Terms of reference,

“the need to modernise and clarify the law (without altering current

clinical practice), to reflect current community attitudes and

Expectations”

I would like to spend some time here examining and considering this sentence.

I agree with the need to modernise and clarify the law, but I would also point out that some aspects of biology do not in fact modernise at all. The usual method of creation of human life remains the same. To point out the obvious, human life is created with a man and a woman. I note that human life does not spontaneously occur. The embryo or foetus or unborn child

is not the exclusive work of one person. It strikes me as strange that the father gets no mentions in any proposed legislation or in the terms of reference.

The other aspect of modernisation is surely medical advances in birth control. Again it seems obvious to point out the range of birth control means available today to both women and men.

I would point out that women's bodies and women's bodies, but embryos, fetuses and unborn babies do not belong exclusively to the woman since they were not created by the woman alone.

legislative and regulatory arrangements in other Australian jurisdictions including regulating terminations based on gestational periods,

I am particularly concerned about late term abortions. I feel strongly that without pressing medical reasons, late term abortions should not be allowed.

provision of counselling and support services for women.

I think significant effort should be spent on counselling and support for women who are faced with the prospect and the actuality of abortions in Queensland.

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