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I wish to make a personal submission to the Parliamentary Committee which is considering decriminalising abortion in Queensland.

I am aware that there is a Bill before the parliament which will be debated in State Parliament in the near future.

I refer the Committee to a website which contains information pertinent to this issue and suggest this should be a good starting point when considering the future laws.

If members just google **Alexander Tsiaras: Conception to Birth** and view this video it will give them a good idea of what they will be voting for. .

Part of the decision, I presume, will be to decide what stage will be the cut off point for having an abortion procedure. Having viewed this film, personally I would be unable to say at any stage: *there is nothing wrong in evacuating the developing person from the woman's womb*. I hope most sincerely that those who take the opportunity to view this video will come to the same conclusion.

I ask you to ensure that members of the committee are familiar with all the facts about abortion and then think carefully about what they recommend to parliament. The other part of my submission is to ask that the Committee discuss ways and means of providing assistance for women who would prefer to carry their babies to full term – means such as:

- assisting teenage mothers to continue to attend school and university through special funding;
- providing counselling services that preclude abortion.

Of course it would be better if an unwanted pregnancy doesn't occur so it could be a recommendation from the committee that information on birth control is freely available to young people.

We are presently increasing our population through immigration as families in this modern age consist mainly of 2 parents and 2 children with many couples choosing not to have any children. It would be preferable for our nation to encourage population increase through those who are already citizens. Abortion accounts for the loss of thousands of potential citizens – a state of affairs that is rather awful to think about.

I sincerely hope each and every member of the committee will make recommendations after becoming familiar with what constitutes an abortion and the effect it has on the woman not only immediately after but in future years.