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To the Committee

I would like to make the following submission to the Abortion Law Reform inquiry:

Abortion is a procedure that terminates a human life. It is currently illegal to do so in Queensland and I believe such a procedure should remain illegal. Medical procedures should protect and preserve life, not destroy it.

Every life is valuable and every life therefore has a right to live, even the unborn. Babies don't have a voice of their own that can verbalise their own rights. Why does our generation think that genocide on such a huge scale is OK, just because babies can't stand up for themselves. They are the weakest members of our society and have no protectors. Think of all the potential we are destroying in our society. Of all those killed who could be our prime minter, who could have discovered a cure for cancer. We will never know.

Abortion procedures can be dangerous and do permanent damage to a woman's body as well as ongoing emotional and psychological damage. More time, effort and money needs to be spent on helping pregnant women in distress to manage their situation and give them better options than abortion. More education needs to be given pregnant women as to the humanness and the development of their unborn babies so they know these are real persons who can feel pain and should be able to be looked after and protected. Please do not make changes to the current law so as to increase the terminations in this State.

Thank you for considering my views.

Regards Deborah Shaw

