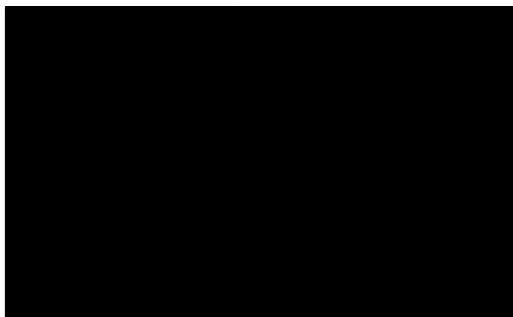


## **CHERISH LIFE CAIRNS BRANCH (350 Members)**

### **SUBMISSION TO ABORTION LAW REFORM BILL**

**President: DR T Coyle**



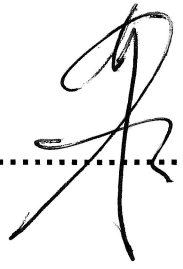
**At a meeting of the Branch on 14/6/16 it was requested that the following principles be submitted to the Abortion Law reform bill committee.**

- **The current Qld law as interpreted by Judge Maguire in 1986 and the Bligh government amendment to Section 282 is sufficient to provide abortion to those mothers with serious health problems, for the preservation of the mother's life, where continuation of the pregnancy posed a serious danger to the mother's physical or mental health.**
- **The current Qld law is in effect to protect both human unborn life and mothers' health, to protect the latter from unwanted and unnecessary abortions. In which case all Sections of the criminal code relating to abortion should be left intact, the law being interpreted by Judicial decisions, such as that of Judge Maguire.**
- **It is recognised that pregnancies will occur in difficult social circumstances in which case mothers must be treated with kindness, not surgical or medical abortion, there should be increased Government support for pregnant mothers, as well**

as from existing private agencies, increased accommodation support and practical support for those in distress.

- It is important therefore that abortionists are regulated because the centre of the debate is an actual human life, an unborn child who requires protection by Statutory Law, that is Law as enacted by Parliament.
- Abortionists appear to be unaware of the harmful effects of abortion upon their patients, and , indeed, upon themselves. There should be a mandatory follow up of their patients by abortionists for at least 5 years so that psychoses such as depression can be detected early and appropriate interventions applied to prevent tragedies like that of Charlotte Dawson. There should be mandatory pre abortion counselling by an independent qualified psychologist and a mandatory cooling off period before abortion.
- Several members of Cherish Life, Cairns Branch, expressed the opinion that abortionists, as well as MP Mr Rob Pyne, be subjected to, or encouraged to attend, an educational programme of foetology or human life before birth since both appeared to be ignorant of foetal milestones such as initiation of foetal heartbeat, sensory organs and brain activity. For that matter many practising doctors are displaying the same lack of knowledge.

Signed.....  
President. 22/6/16



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