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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Erin Hutchinson and I am writing to convey my dismay and opposition to the bill that MP Rob Pyne has introduced to legalise abortion in Queensland.

I am 38 years old and am a stay at home mother from Yeppoon, Central Queensland. As a defender of the inherent value, dignity and right to life of every human being from conception to natural death I am very strongly opposed to this bill that will strip the right to life of our smallest, most innocent and vulnerable **Queensland citizens**.

I have four children of my own, recently welcoming another baby just two weeks ago. I am also a mother to seven other children who I lost at various stages of pregnancy due to miscarriage. I have delivered three of these babies, each at seventeen weeks, and I was able to meet and hold each of my perfectly formed, clearly human and very precious, children. They weren't just precious because they were mine, or because they were wanted, or healthy – they had value because they were people. Our laws should protect people and not strip away their rights at the whim of another person. That is what this bill strives to do – remove the rights of one group of people in order to satisfy the desires of another.

There are many reasons why I oppose abortion, but first and foremost we should always oppose it for the undeniable fact that it is a deliberate act of killing a human being. That is not an opinion.

Added to this is the recent revelation in Queensland parliament that twenty-seven babies in Queensland were left to die after abortions. The act of abortion itself is abhorrent and inhumane, and this new report highlights this inhumanity. As I gazed at my newborn baby on the day he was born I thought in sorrow of the the Victorian laws that allow a baby at the same age as my son to be killed. How can we allow this? And how can we allow this to be replicated in Queensland?

During each of my pregnancies I have always received excellent care and medical treatment. Everything possible has been done for the health of my babies and me. This is the support and care every mother and her child should receive. This bill will essentially say that a preborn baby is only worthy of care if other people say it is. No person's value is dependent on the opinions of others, and no baby should receive a death sentence.

Regards,  
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