

ABORTION LAW REFORM (WOMAN'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE) AMENDMENT BILL

I make the following submission in relation to the ***Abortion Law Reform (Women's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill 2016***, currently before the Queensland Parliament, introduced as a private Member's Bill by Mr. Rob Pyne MP, Member for Cairns.

I oppose the Bill on the following grounds:

An Attack on The Unborn

Any Bill that would make abortion no longer a crime in Queensland, should first reflect on the reasons the sections referred to in the Bill, were included in the current Criminal Code to start with. They were rightly put in place, in the interest of the unborn, because abortion has always involved the taking of a human life and the deliberate ending a human life can never be looked on as a practice that has become out of date, as this Bill asserts.

Laws made to protect unborn babies can never be regarded, simply as Laws not reflecting "Modern Values." The "Sections" of our Laws that protect the rights and worth of an unborn baby, can never be considered "Archaic or Dangerous," because it is always wrong to deny them that right.

Removing these sections of the Criminal Code, is an attack on the unborn, denying them the basic human right to be born!

Children by Choice and a Woman's Right to Choose

To decide to have, or not to have a child, is every woman's right, empowering them to make decisions about their own bodies, however, for a woman to have the right to choose, once she has conceived, whether she will allow the child to live or not, is an

entirely different matter. No one has the right to choose if an unborn child shall live or die by their personal choice, except under exceptional medical circumstances. Once pregnant, a woman, unless medically incapable, is responsible not only for own body, but the body of the infant she carries. To say otherwise, would remove all responsibility for the child's care, leaving the baby with no legal voice to speak on his or her behalf.

Any Bill before our State Parliament, which allows for unborn babies to be killed right up to the moment of birth, is obscene and unworthy of the Parliament's serious consideration. There are no alternatives to this kind of Bill, regardless of its aims, but there are plenty of alternatives, which could be offered to any woman finding a pregnancy inconvenient.

It is not the responsibility of the Government to legislate to protect Doctors or mothers, from the consequences of unwanted pregnancies, but the Parliament should keep any laws that take into account the rights of all unborn Queensland children.

Sincerely,

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