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To: [abortionlawreform](http://abortionlawreform.com)
Subject: Submission to Parliamentary Committee Re: Abortion Bill
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Dear Committee

Thank you for your work in reviewing this important matter. We are aware that MP Robert Pyne has proposed that abortion be legalised, providing for full term abortions on request.

For the sake of the unborn babies, we are **OPPOSED** to this bill, which effectively allows for children to be killed in-utero because they are not socio-economically/ psychologically convenient or wanted by their mothers etc. The argument of "women's rights" over their own bodies, should not extend to extinguishing life from another human's body. Adult's rights should **NEVER** remove children's rights.... and this is the most fundamental, the right to life.

There are other approaches our state can responsibly and resourcefully adopt here. Just as we provide disability supports for those born with a disability, so our society can provide supports for those in difficult pregnancies, including teenagers.... Education strategies need to be inclusive of support services that are available in the case of unwanted pregnancy and as a society we need to make a shift in thinking- from sexual freedom to sexual responsibility.

For the sake of these women and health staff, we are **OPPOSED** to this bill. Many women who undergo abortion, and associated health staff, experience unexpected psychological trauma eg. foetus that cries during the procedure will always be hard to forget and feelings of guilt can traumatise a woman/health worker's for life. On the other hand, adoption is something that needs to be expanded in Queensland. The fact that adoption takes more than 10 years for most couples to complete, is ludicrous and very depressing for childless couples.

We are thankful as tax payers that our society funds neonatal health services, supporting life for babies born preterm, as early as 20+ weeks. Are these children just given a right to life by our society because they are wanted? Are children's rights dependent on their parent's whim? We say **NO**, and we're asking you to do the same to protect our great Queensland state and these precious future lives. We understand that this is difficult when lobby groups gain public emotive sympathy and political momentum. But moral right is bigger than opinion polls and political gain.

Please consider this issue very seriously and we implore you to recommend against this bill and any others of its nature in the future.

Thank you for your time.
Regards

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