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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am the Senior Pastor of Minden Baptist Church (currently connecting with around 200 people). I oppose any changes to QLD law concerning abortion which has been put forward by Cairns MP Rob Pyne. Mr Pyne has tabled a bill that will give Queensland the worse abortion laws in the world. This new law, would legalise the following 'abortion techniques' in QLD up until the day of birth, for any child, for any reason:

- Partial-birth abortion: the child's skull is punctured and its brain is suctioned out.
- Dilation and Evacuation Abortion: the child is dismembered and torn apart using sharp instruments.
- Saline Abortion: the child is burned in utero with a toxic saline solution. Death can take unto 24 hours.
- Fatal Injection Abortion: the child is poisoned (e.g. potassium chloride) by injection into the unborn child's heart.
- Artificial Inducement of Premature Birth: the child is induced and born alive. It is then either starved, neglected or drowned in formaldehyde.

These horrific techniques are already legal and in use in Victoria, Australia.

The right to life is an essential human rights issue. There are numerous teachings in Scripture that make it abundantly clear what God's view of abortion is. Jeremiah 1:5 tells us that God knows us before He forms us in the womb. Psalm 139:13-16 speaks of God's active role in our creation and formation in the womb. Exodus 21:22-25 prescribes the same penalty—death—for someone who causes the death of a baby in the womb as for someone who commits murder. This clearly indicates that God considers a baby in the womb to be as human as a full-grown adult. For the Christian, abortion is not a matter of a woman's right to choose. It is a matter of the life or death of a human being made in God's image (Genesis 1:26-27; 9:6).

Regards,

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