

## **Abortion Law Reform (Women's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill 2016 and Inquiry into laws governing termination of pregnancy in Queensland**

As a community we rightly abhor the death of a child refugee fleeing persecution however we do not raise a whisper about the killing of thousands of unborn babies each year.

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, there were 63,354 live births in Queensland in 2013. In the same year it is estimated that there were 12,405 abortions. That is 1 abortion for every 6 live births. The abortion figure is an estimate since Queensland does not keep official abortion statistics. (Why, when statistics are kept on so many other things?)

Official statistics should be kept on the number of abortions.

It is hard to believe that in 1 in 6 live births it is necessary to perform an abortion to preserve the physical and/or mental health of a woman. With current medical practices it is possible for a child to survive after 24 weeks.

If the woman's physical or mental health is in danger the baby should be delivered after 24 weeks and appropriate medical care provided to both mother and child.

In 2013 there were 1176 rapes according to police reports. If all rapes resulted in pregnancy and abortion, this would only account for less than 10% of the abortions.

Women do have a choice over what happens to their bodies, don't have sex if you are not prepared for pregnancy.

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