Dear Sir/Madam

I <u>oppose</u> 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 last bulleted point above is particularly frightening. Regardless of anyone's view on whether the termination of an unborn child can be considered murder - if a child is born alive - there is no possible argument against the case that this is blatant murder. How could a country like Australia allow such evil practices to take place? Making this practice legal would set a devastating and very dangerous precedent.

The right to life is an essential human rights issue. Innocent helpless human babies must be protected, not treated like an unwanted animal.

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