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Prevention Committee
Parliament House, George Street, Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Sir/Madam

For the following reasons, I wish to express my strong opposition to the proposals contained in Mr Pyne's bill, the *Abortion Law Reform (Women's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill 2016*, that will permit abortions to occur right up to the moment of birth:

1. In giving the total right to a woman to choose when she will have an abortion at any stage of her pregnancy, it completely ignores the right of the unborn child to have life, particularly when it could have survived after a premature birth (e.g. after 24 weeks);
2. The Bill removes all protections and puts in no safeguards;
3. As experience has shown, many women suffer post-abortion grief which would undoubtedly be exacerbated by having an abortion of their unborn child after a time when it could have lived outside the womb;
4. The act of aborting and killing an unborn child at a time when it would have been strong enough to live, is, in my opinion, a barbaric act, and could coerce some doctors, nurses and health workers to act against their consciences;
5. It dismisses overwhelming community opposition to changing the law in this way; and
6. It would tragically encourage more women to see abortion as a solution to their problems.

Yours faithfully

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