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Dear Committee members,

I am a mother and grandmother and I believe that all life is sacred.

I believe that life begins at the moment of conception.

As such I believe that a woman who becomes pregnant can no longer make a decision for herself alone, she is no longer one but two.

I understand however, that there are medical situations where an exception is warranted, that being a pregnancy causing the woman serious harm. I also understand that in cases of severe fetal abnormality termination may be warranted.

Studies have shown that very few women have a termination due to rape (approx. 1%) and that 35 of these women regretted their decision, with the other 70% who continued with their pregnancy not regretting this decision. These women need to be given full support to continue with their pregnancies.

I do not agree that failed contraception is a legitimate reason to abort a pregnancy, even if the woman initially suffers stress and anxiety about the unplanned pregnancy. With caring support for the woman, any ambivalence she has towards the baby can be addressed. **Women need to be given a choice other than abortion.** Adoption rates in Australia are infinitesimal even though there are many hundreds of infertile couples whose only hope for a child is by the gifting of a child to them through adoption.

Studies have also shown that approx..20 -30% of women who have abortions suffer from long term, negative consequences.

With annual figures difficult to come by, the estimated figure of 80,000 aborted children a year in Australia, is for surgical means only. Chemical abortions have not been included in this figure. These figures are abhorrent! There are far too many abortions carried out in Australia currently without relaxing of the laws.

We need to have a strong moral compass on this issue. As a Christian, I believe that we need to be mindful of God's Law not to kill, as we do not have the right to take another life. I hate abortion, except for those circumstances I have mentioned above.

Yours Sincerely

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