

Submission to Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee

As a resident of Queensland, I strongly oppose the Abortion Law Reform Amendment Bill 2016. I believe that the measure of our society, is determined by how we treat our most vulnerable citizens. Abortion is an horrific form of family violence against mothers and their babies, our most defenceless family members.

The bill put forward by Cairns MP Rob Pyne appears to remove all protections and have no safeguards, making this the most extreme abortion law in the world, even worse than China and Russia. Even in USA, 43 states prohibit abortions, except when necessary to protect the mother's life, after a specific point in the pregnancy, most often foetal viability.

As the community is becoming more aware of what an abortion actually is, the inhumane and painful killing of an unborn baby, it is realised that abortion is unacceptable violence against mothers and their children. In May 2016, 23,869 Queenslanders signed a petition to reject the Abortion Law Amendment Bill 2016.

Victoria's extreme abortion laws were challenged on May 25th, when the Infant Viability Bill was introduced into the Victorian Parliament by Dr Rachel Carling Jenkins (DLP). This bill sought to prevent abortion after 24 weeks of pregnancy and offered holistic care, counselling, social and practical support for the mother. Although there was widespread support for the bill from the Victorian community, sadly it was voted down in parliament.

I would ask you to consider the above and reject this bill.

Thank you.

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