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

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Dear Members of Parliament,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission concerning the Abortion Law Reform Amendment Bill 2016.

Pregnancy is a time when the helpless child needs to be nurtured and protected by the mother, who in turn needs to be supported by the community. All of us were in such a vulnerable position at one stage of our lives, and other people cared for us and protected us. We must ensure that every such person is given protection and the opportunity for life.

Please reject this Bill. Please enact laws that protect human life, not promote its destruction.

I am sure you would agree that it is wrong to kill children. Yes? Indeed it is, and we have laws to protect children from being killed, and to penalise those who indeed kill children. It is just as wrong to kill babies. It is never right to kill someone to solve a problem. It is the hallmark of a civilized society that its laws protect the weak and vulnerable and protect human life. Members of Parliament, you must enact laws that protect ALL human life without discrimination regarding age, sex, race, voting capacity, or religion. Please, reject this Bill which will encourage the taking of human life.

And please, do not think that Parliament can legislate to define the unborn baby as a non-human, or a non-person. Those sorts of laws were applied in the past to the 'black' people in the USA and the Jewish people in Germany, just to mention a few situations. Those who enacted and upheld such laws in those countries are regarded in poor light today, held up as examples of the wickedness and bigotry of those who were in power. Please don't place yourself into this company.

I am sure you would be aware that it is a scientific fact that human life begins at conception, when the sperm and egg join and the FULL COMPLEMENT of DNA is then present. You would know that the woman is not carrying benign tissue or a tumour but a human baby. Changes to definitions about who is human will not change the fact that she has a baby. Please decide on the side of life and compassion. Please reject this Bill.

This Amendment Bill is described as "Women's Right to Choose", which sounds compassionate for the woman. But to kill a baby denies the baby *their* right to choose life for itself. It's not compassionate toward the baby. There are countless examples of people whose mothers were planning to abort them before they were born but it did not happen. They all testify in later life how grateful they were not to have been terminated before they were born but given the opportunity to live.

Please give ALL babies in Queensland the opportunity to live. Please reject this proposed Amendment Bill.

Yours sincerely,

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