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Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee  
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## **PLEASE VIGOROUSLY RECOMMEND AGAINST ABORTION IN QUEENSLAND**

Dear Committee Members

We adamantly oppose the Abortion Law Reform (Women's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill 2016 and ask that you vigorously recommend against it.

The Bill in its current form allows abortion right up to the day of birth for any reason. This would make it even easier in Queensland to kill defenceless and voiceless unborn human beings using the most horrific and inhumane methods imaginable. It is abhorrent that this Abortion Law Reform Amendment Bill was tabled with the full knowledge of recent research which confirms that unborn babies can feel pain as early as 20 week gestation. Through abortion, human life is devalued and commoditised. The sacredness of every human life is ignored.

It is a national reproach that abortion is by far the leading cause of death in Australia. Many people claim that abortion is a health issue, but this is not the case. Only a few of the 100,000 abortions performed in Australia annually are performed for health reasons. They are performed because men and women find it emotionally or socially or economically inconvenient to have a child. In this present society we live in, there is definitely a disposable mentality and it seems that beautiful babies are also being classed as disposable. Where is the responsibility for our actions in conceiving a child? This is a human being not just a foetus or embryo to be discarded as it doesn't suit at this time to have a baby.

Because we believe abortion is a crime against the personhood of the unborn child and our own humanity we ask you to throw out this Bill. Please recommend ways to make Queensland a state that affirms the right to life of every unborn child and has compassion for every person.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our concerns and trust that you will carefully consider this matter as it truly is a matter of life and death.

Regards

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