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

Parliament House,

Brisbane, Queensland.

**Please strongly say NO to the Abortion Law Reform Bill (Women's Right to Choose) in Queensland**

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to submit to you my deep concerns about the proposed Abortion Law Reform Bill (Women's Right to Choose) that has been placed before the Queensland Parliament. **I am asking, no entreating you, on behalf of the girls, women and unborn children of Queensland, to please totally reject and throw out this Bill and not recommend it to the Parliament.**

**This Bill, if enacted, will remove all protections and put no safeguards in place for both the unborn children of our State and their mothers. By removing abortion from Queensland's criminal law, it will remove any legal protections for unborn children.** To legislate for women to have a choice to have their babies aborted at any time right up to the moment of birth, for any reason other than a life and death health issue is abominable! To decriminalise and make this choice readily available across the whole term of a pregnancy is to also force medical practitioners to go against their mandate of being called to save and preserve lives, not destroy lives. Abortion numbers even within the current laws are unacceptable to any caring human being, let alone reforming the law to enable more abortions to be carried out, on even more unborn children, on any day up to the day of their birth. An unborn child is a human being and therefore has as much right to life as any other human being post birth. **Adoption not abortion**, is the obvious choice for mothers who cannot, or choose not to, raise the child of their womb. To engage in consensual sexual intercourse with the potential to conceive a child and then to choose to dispose of the consequence of that intercourse, a living human being, is a selfish, cruel and irresponsible act by both the man and woman involved which places no value whatsoever on a human life. I am concerned that the

majority of girls, women and even boys and men are really not fully understanding the choice they are making when they agree to have or to fund an abortion.

I sincerely ask you as a committee to examine the figures of known numbers of abortions already being carried out in our State and the reasons given for each abortion and to question the reasons and purpose for so many abortions to be taking place. Have you read the information on the website Emily's Voice ([www.emilysvoice.com](http://www.emilysvoice.com)) which gives estimates of at least 80,000 children aborted each year in Australia through surgical means? And this does not include chemical abortions such as RU-486 a combination of two drugs given up to nine weeks gestation to terminate a pregnancy. Are you aware that various studies show about 97% of all abortions are performed for psychosocial reasons, including half of late-term abortions, after 20 weeks? **As a society we need to help the women and girls with the psychosocial issues that lead them to the decision that they have no other choice but to have their babies aborted.** Are you aware that studies show that less than 3% of abortions are because an unborn child has a disability and only 1% for women who are rape victims? **Do you know that the majority of women and girls who have abortions do so because of lack of support from partners, parents and friends and 70% say they felt they had no alternative to abortion? Women and girls need the help and support of their families and the health system, not more legislation to entrench and increase an already serious problem in our society.**

Abortion, called a termination of a pregnancy, is actually an evacuation of a woman's uterus which callously destroys the life of the unborn child. Surgically aborted babies are torn apart by the evacuation process. **I challenge you as a committee to watch this:**

**a you tube video (only 4.12 minutes long) entitled 2nd Trimester Abortion (Kerrigan Skelly) to listen to a medical practitioner who says he has done 1200 abortions, as he describes the abortion procedure in which an unborn fully formed baby is torn apart limb by limb.** The event and the procedure is inhumane to say the very least and a crime against humanity. There is also the issue of post abortion trauma for the mother of the child which is understood to be a type of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder with often a delayed onset, of months or even years of trauma and depression. Many women are pressured into abortions by others and only realise after the event, the seriousness of what they agreed to and its longer term effects on them both emotionally and physically.

Through technology, Science has proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that Human Life begins at conception. The human embryo is a human being from the time of fertilisation because of its human chromosomal makeup. It is not an

animal but a human life. The zygote is the beginning of a developing human being who at fertilisation immediately has its gender determined by the X or Y chromosome of the father's sperm. From the moment of conception either a baby boy or a baby girl has come into existence in the world. By 25 days, a baby's heart is beating and other internal organs are present in simple form and functioning as they grow. Here is a quote from a doctor who performed the first ever blood transfusion on an unborn baby at 30 days old. *By 30 days, just two weeks passed mother's first missed period, the baby is one quarter of an inch long, has a brain of unmistakable human proportion, eyes, ears, mouth, kidneys, liver, an umbilical cord, and a heart pumping blood that the baby has made itself.* Brain waves have been recorded in 40 day old embryos and babies in the womb are known to feel pain, as the nerves are in place by 6-8 weeks, and the chemicals necessary to send messages over the nerve pathways are present at 12 weeks. There is no question that they are a living human being from the start. One report shows that as far back as 1984, 72% of live born infants of 22-27 weeks gestation at the Bristol Maternity Hospital in the UK survived. To abort a baby past 20 weeks is to murder a baby capable of surviving. **From conception to birth every human being is a distinct individual either male or female who deserves to be treated with value, care and dignity and have a chance at life. I would also like to remind the Committee of the news item of June 15th 2016 (LifeSiteNews) in which the Queensland Health Minister Cameron Dick reported that 204 babies were born alive from late term abortions from 2005-2015. Queensland Health confirmed that these babies were not cared for after their birth and left to die in abortion clinics.** This was not a report from a Pro Life group but from our very own Health Minister and this happened in our State during the last 11 years. As a society, surely, we are responsible for the well being of the most vulnerable, especially the unborn who cannot defend themselves in any way.

**As a Committee are you aware of the results of a recent Galaxy Poll (6th-8th May 2016) with 400 Queensland people across the State, who were asked about Abortion? The results in summary:**

- **55% agree that Abortion takes a human life.**
- **66% agree that an unborn child is a person with rights at 20 weeks**
- **84% agree that abortion harms women's health**
- **87% support a cooling-off period for women in deciding whether to have an abortion or not**
- **94% support girls and women having independent counselling prior to their decision to have an abortion**
- **72% are opposed to mid-term abortions( less than 20weeks)**
- **85% are opposed to late-term abortions(past 20 weeks)**

Human Life should always be seen as sacred and valuable. Please search your hearts and conscience as well as doing thorough research and do not

recommend to the Queensland Parliament to enact this Abortion Law Reform Bill. If you do it will put the lives of even more unborn children and the health and well-being of more girls and women at risk in our State. I write this from the perspective of a woman, mother and grandmother who believes in the sanctity and sacredness of human life from conception to the grave. I hope and pray that you as a committee also value human life sufficiently to not recommend this Bill, to reject it and throw it out and instead point out the dangers and risks it would bring to both the unborn and their mothers through making it law in our State. **Please do not support removing abortion from Queensland's criminal law, as it will remove any legal protections for unborn children.**

**Thank you for your careful consideration of my submission to strongly reject this proposed Abortion Law Reform Bill.**

Sincerely,

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