From:
To: abortionlawreform
Subject: FW: Abortion law reform

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this as a concerned citizen of Queensland and Australia, that once again decisions are being made and pushed through without both sides of the debate being equally heard. Whilst our deputy premier is "unashamedly pro-choice" (her own words) I am unashamedly pro-life and **do not** support the Abortion Law Reform Amendment Bill 2016.

And whilst our views are obviously different on this matter, what concerns me most, is that the less conservative views are being provided with a much more vocal voice through the media ultimately portraying what I believe is not a real representation of the thoughts and views of the majority. And at the same time, more conservative views, like mine, are being shunned by the media and even bullied into submission as we are labelled as intolerant and behind the times.

Last I checked, we live in a democratic country, yet the more I look at where we are heading, the more I worry that we are being pushed into a society that is being run by minorities, while the majority is bluffed into thinking that the views are actually those of the majority. It is about time that both sides of <u>all</u> arguments have an equal voice, and that this constant bullying of those who have a more conservative view is brought out into the spotlight, so that the majority can see what the true reflection of the people is, not just the one that is publicised by the media.

I am most willing to accept any decisions that are made that may be against my personal views if those views are truly what the majority support. What I am not willing to take is constantly seeing only one side of the argument being portrayed as if it is the only way forward, without the other side getting a fair representation.

In relation to the Abortion Law Reform bill, I ask that the parliament listen to the majority and not just vocal minorities on this issue, but only once both sides of this debate have provided with a fair opportunity to present their case. We need to get back to our country making proper democratic decisions.....

I would be very surprised to see the majority of Queenslanders support this bill once they are made aware of all of the facts, including that children are being left to die post being born in the case of some late-term abortions.....how are we letting this happen!!

I ask again, please, please, make sure you are listening to the decisions of the majority in relation to this, and all matters, as members of parliament, and make sure that BOTH sides are presented with an equal opportunity to voice their side of the debate.

This I believe is your true responsibility as a member of parliament. Regards,

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