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Hello

I am formally opposing changes to our Abortion Laws in QLD.

I can see why this has been proposed as to any argument there are two sides to every story. However when it becomes divisive in the community, or confusing, it is generally because some false assumptions have been used in the argument.

1. First I keep hearing that women have a right over their own body and should have a right to choose.

Well on the surface that seems plausible and who would disagree with that? But if you lift up the bonnet past the shiny paint work and see inside, this falls apart.

Does the women have a right over their own body?

Last time I checked if a female wanted to not wear a seatbelt, she could not,
if she wanted to take harmful drugs she could not,
if she tries to commit suicide she could be charged,
if she wants to prostitute her body she cannot without adhering to certain laws.

All these things are to do with her body but she does not have the right to do so. So she does not have as much right over her body as above statement would like to infer.

2. Secondly, it is not just her body we need to consider but the other body (person) inside of her.

The only right she has over that body is to protect that person, not kill it because it is not convenient to have a baby now.

Nowhere does this bill talk about the rights of the child. This is where the biggest error of this debate occurs.

Proponents of abortion like to think the unborn child is not human and nothing but tissue. However expecting mums refer to that bump in their belly as a baby not fatty tissue. Expecting mums who have a miscarriage often suffer depression or at least sadness when they lose a baby, if it was only fatty tissue then I doubt a miscarriage would affect them as much as it does. Even those who do have abortions suffer emotional problems after getting rid of their unwanted pregnancy.

So if it is not human, then what is it then growing inside a mother.

When does it magically become human, at birth, or when the umbilical cord is cut, or is it way back earlier when a heart beat and brain activity occurs or is it when conception occurs.

You see those who make the assumption that the baby is not human (maybe its a raccoon), they then have some very tough and debatable decisions to make on at what point does this object suddenly become human and that abortion is just a subdued way of saying murder.

So if abortion is murder then abortion is not an option, unless under extreme circumstances. So what is the answer.

Education.

People need to be educated that abortion is murder, abortion is not a way of family planning, if you fall pregnant, then you need to go ahead with birth and give it up for adoption if you still don't want the child. If people understood this then they would be more careful and there would be less unwanted pregnancies.

One last point and this should be taught to every person.

As humans we have this uncanny ability to adapt to our circumstances. If a girl falls pregnant and it looks like the end of the world then if she believes she can adapt then not only can she adapt and survive but also flourish in those circumstances with the right attitude. (Adapting is one of the best kept secrets of humanity).

If you believe abortion is taking another life then your decision is easy, if not then you have a tougher job in determining at what point in the development of the baby does it magically become human before birth.

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