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

Parliament House

Brisbane, QLD

**Please Strongly Recommend Against Abortion in Queensland**

Dear Committee Members,

I wish to express my opposition to the **Abortion Law Reform (Women's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill 2016** and to request that you strongly recommend against it.

The Bill, as it stands, makes it lawful to destroy a fetus at any time, right up to the day of birth, and for any reason at all. Given the often horrific and inhumane methods currently in use to kill babies in the womb, and the research evidence confirming that fetuses can feel pain as early as 20 weeks gestation, it is appalling to me that anyone would think it acceptable to fully sanction such proceedings by law without any qualifying restrictions.

Such wholesale legalization of abortion devalues and denies the sacredness of human life, and opens the way for the murder of the voiceless and defenseless for the most trivial of reasons. The Bill would allow such things as sex-selective abortions and abortion for any detected or even suspected abnormality as minor as a cleft palate. Thus, the Bill sends the message that children are the disposable property of parents and have no right to live except by the will of their parents. Such a view has enormous and wide-reaching implications for laws that pertain to the abuse and mistreatment of children after birth. Why should a society protect children after birth that it doesn't feel the need to protect before birth?

I believe abortion is a crime no less than murder. Isn't it sufficient a reproach that abortion is by far the leading cause of death in this nation, exceeding the combined total of the top five official causes of death in Australia <http://www.abc.net.au/health/thepulse/stories/2014/03/27/3972711.htm>? Please do not support a Bill in Queensland that will worsen these statistics. I urge you, instead, to reject this Bill and seek to make recommendations to promote the valuing of life in Queensland by protecting the unborn and vulnerable.

Yours faithfully,

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