

Submission to the Queensland State Government regarding proposed changes to the state's abortion laws.

I write in opposition to the proposed changes to Queensland's laws on abortion. The unborn, whether described as fetuses, embryos or unborn babies, have a fundamental right to life, just as we all do. The unborn are human beings with potential. They deserve the opportunity to realize that potential.

Just as we judge the quality of civilised nations by the way they treat their most vulnerable, Queensland as a state will be so judged.

What human being is more vulnerable than a helpless child/embryo, foetus in the womb?

When a woman feels she cannot accept her pregnancy she should be offered all the help and encouragement she needs to carry on with it and deliver her baby.

I belong to a charity – the Saint Vincent de Paul Society – the members of which would only be too happy to help such women carry on with their pregnancies whether they need financial help, or emotional support. The life a woman carries is too precious to be simply terminated as if it is of no account.

When we talk of rights, shouldn't we consider the rights of human beings in the most dependent and vulnerable stages of their lives? We were all once totally dependent on our mother's love and support. Why can't we encourage and support all women to do the same for their unborn?

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