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To: <u>abortionlawreform</u>

Subject: [SPAM ?] Please recommend against abortion in Queensland

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

Parliament House

Brisbane, Qld

Dear Committee Members,

I am <u>strongly opposed</u> to the suggestion that abortion should be legalised in Queensland. We focus too much on the rights of mothers, but have forgotten the rights of unborn children to live a productive, healthy life, just because they may not be the chosen sex that the parents wanted, or may not have been planned. These children have no voice, but responsible, compassionate Queenslanders to not want innocent children to be murdered.

The medical profession spends thousands of dollars and much effort to save the lives of precious, premature babies, and yet we are suggesting that an unborn child's life, with the same age of gestation, can be violently terminated. This makes no sense, and is definitely a case of severe domestic violence and I strongly urge the committee to recommend against the reform of the abortion bill.

I have an adopted daughter and I am so glad that her birth mother handed her over to be adopted into a loving family rather than terminating her life because she was unable to provide for another child. We do need to counsel women and provide support for women struggling with unplanned pregnancies. We need to alert them to the fact that women who have had abortions suffer deep regret, guilt and shame which leads to mental health issues for years to come. I personally know women who have suffered severely because of their decision to have an abortion in their younger years.

Yours faithfully, Mrs Jacqueline Tyrrell,