To whom it may concern,

I am writing in response to Inquiry into Abortion Law Reform.

I oppose the current bill before parliament to remove abortion from Queensland's criminal code.

However if it was to be decriminalised I would strongly urged that the rights of the unborn child be considered when deciding if a termination of pregnancy is lawful at any stage of gestation.

More information should be provided to women and (when present) child's father of the alternative options available to support them in raising the child or alternatives to abortion such as adoption. A strong effort should be made to implement support strategies, and where there are currently gaps create new services/resources, so a woman can feel confident that if the child was carried to term they would receive enough support both during the pregnancy and afterwards especially regarding returning to work.

Appreciate your consideration of my submission, Tamara Hallett