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To whom it may concern

I wish to express my complete disgust and outrage regarding the dangerous abortion bill that has been put forward by Cairns MP Rob Pyne.

Quoting from Mr Pyne's website "The Abortion Law Reform (Woman's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill 2016 removes terminations from the criminal code. This will protect our women, doctors and nurses. It's an important update to our legislation, and one that is long overdue."

What about a child's rights!!!??? What about protecting them?

Mr Pyne wants to remove criminalisation of killing a child - just because it is hidden away from public view within the womb. And yet - if my daughter (who was born prematurely, at 28 weeks) was killed, dropped at birth, inserted with wrong medication or in some way had her life or quality of life compromised by medical staff who cared for her during her four month stay in ICU - that could be considered malpractice or worse!? What a disgusting contradiction.

My Pyne - you should be ashamed of yourself. You say "We owe women their fundamental right to access health services safely, without prejudice." I would say - as an Australian government, we owe children - both inside and outside the womb - the right to access health services safely and without prejudice. We also and undoubtedly owe them the right to live!

I oppose abortion completely nevertheless, the government have some legalities in place to allow for such murderous action to occur - however it is beyond belief that our Australian Government, compiled of mothers, fathers, grandparents, Aunts and Uncles can even accept such a proposal as being worthy of consideration or discussion.

Abortion is murder.

Abortion is not a painless procedure.

Abortion is barbaric.

Abortion removes a child's right to live.

Abortion is NOT about the mother's choice for her body. Once an abortion is done - the mother has the choice and opportunity to go on living - whatever the circumstances. Meanwhile, a child is utterly and cruelly destroyed in the womb - sometimes left to die - and no-one gives that baby another thought. Abortion is about a child's life. It's right to an existence. It's right to live a cycle of life - not to be pulled apart, limb from limb, within the womb and without a voice to defend itself.

I demand as an Australian that our government DO NOT allow such horrific bill to pass through - for the sake of children who cannot speak for themselves but have a right to live.

Signed

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