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Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic
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Parliament House
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Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing as Queensland residents to draw to the attention of the House our opposition to the most dangerous abortion laws in the world outlined in the Abortion Law Reform Amendment Bill 2016 tabled on 10 May 2016 by Cairns MP Rob Pyne. This bill would allow abortion for any reason, up to birth, without any safeguards for either mother or baby, including babies viable outside the womb who will be allowed to be killed for no medical reason.

With improved medical science and ultrasound technology, we know the child in the womb is human, feels pain, and therefore dismemberment and poisoning of an unborn child is barbaric, gravely undermining the intrinsic dignity of the human person. It is misleading to say abortions cannot be carried out under the current Queensland law, since around 10,000 per year are performed and no person has ever been convicted under the law.

Mr Pyne has tabled a bill that will give Queensland the worst abortion laws in the world.

Thankfully you are informing the parliamentary committee looking at the bill to see what impact it may have on abortions in Queensland. We simply want to let you know that we oppose the bill before Parliament which removes all protections and puts in no safeguards for the mother or the child.

As State residents, therefore, we request the members of the House to:

- honour their pre-election pledges to the people of Queensland stating publicly that they would not weaken our current abortion laws;
- respect the health and rights of women and the unborn to be protected; and
- reject this irresponsible bill which removes all safeguards for women and unborn babies.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns and your deliberation in framing a response to the House which will ensure the integrity of each person and safeguard it for generations to come, for children are our legacy.

Sincerely,

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