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Wednesday 29th June 2016

Inquiry Secretary, HCDSDFVP Committee
Parliament House
Brisbane, Qld 4000

To Whom It May Concern:
Re: Inquiry into Abortion Law Reform

As a denomination The Wesleyan Methodist Church of Australia seeks to recognise and preserve the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death, and as such we are opposed to personal choice induced abortion.

By the time an unborn child is 18 days – a baby's heart beats
By the time an unborn child is 42 days – brain waves are detected
By the time an unborn child is 52 days – a baby hiccups and yawns
By the time an unborn child is 8 weeks – all organs are functioning
By the time an unborn child is 9 weeks – a baby has fingerprints
By the time an unborn child is 10 weeks – a baby can feel pain
By the time an unborn child is 12 weeks – a baby can smile

We speak against this reform, which will allow the deliberate destruction of a human, who cannot speak for himself/herself.

We believe that a woman seeking an abortion for life threatening reasons should first receive counselling and be given full information about abortion and the effects it will have on herself physically and mentally and on her unborn child. She should then be required to have a referral from two medical practitioners before her final decision.

We also request provision for a contentious objection by any medical professional or health care worker who should have the right not to participate in something that goes against their belief and conscience.

Thank you for considering our submission on this bill.

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