

Wednesday 29th June 2016

Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention
Committee, Parliament House, George Street, Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Committee

Re: Abortion Law Reform (Women's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill 2016

I wish to lodge my opposition to this bill introduced by Rob Pyne MP.

Please Queensland do not follow the examples of Victoria and Tasmania where it is law that a baby can be aborted for social and economic reasons-not even reasons of rape or life threatening to the mother. There are consequences at many levels to a society that murders the unborn, who has no voice or rights. Murder is an action with legal consequences.

This bill wants to extend termination to full term – delivery. How strange that one doctor can save the premature ‘wanted’ baby and another can destroy the ‘unwanted’ baby. Let’s see it for what it is; stripped of all the finery and populist gobbledegook. Every MP and persons of influence in making decisions needs to observe a late term abortion. The ABC Q & A program showed how in botched abortions, where the baby is still alive, medicos have to resuscitate it. What’s going on here? Life is precious and there are always more creative ways to support those who, for whatever reason, don’t want the child. There is plenty of help these days. Also there is a growing demand for adoption in Australia but a lack of children to adopt!

Decimalising abortion will increase abortions in Queensland just as it has in Victoria since decriminalisation in 2008. In Victoria, some aborted babies are older than premature births in neonatal wards. There is something seriously wrong going on here. Doesn’t a baby have a right to choose life? Would they choose to die? How come we are committed to extending the lives of our seniors but callous about those little ones who have no voice?

It takes a certain type of courage in our current political and social climate to buck the trend and listen to the many voices in the community who are crying out for the lives of the unborn to be saved.

Yours faithfully,

Fiona Thompson