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

Dear Committee Members,

As a mature Queenslander I find it very difficult to understand how almost on a daily basis we are constantly bombarded with news that portrays the efforts of those fighting to overcome the horror of child abuse and domestic violence. Then at the same time our parliament is considering giving permission to legally conduct an even greater abuse, that of an unborn infant right up to full time pregnancy (just recently the Health Minister for Queensland shared that between 2005 and 2015 records show that 204 babies were born alive after late-term abortions and left to die unattended). How is this not child abuse?

On the other side of abortion:

Over many years, I have been involved in counselling those who have had to come to terms with still births and natural abortion and that is trauma enough to deal with. However when it comes to dealing with a deliberate termination when there is a crisis involved, it has presented as a whole new ball game. Then there have been those who have subscribed to the concept of pro choice for reasons of convenience before the event. After the event the ones I have had to deal with are not those with medical complications, *that can be handled by the medicos*. My concerns have been with the emotional, psychological and spiritual trauma being experienced. That really becomes a difficult task.

A further complication has been with nurses assisting with these procedures. Guilt and flashbacks being an ongoing condition they have had to deal with. They are dealing with the taking of life, so is it any wonder that we see so many similarities to those being experienced by our returning servicemen, "Post Traumatic Stress Disorder". Anyone having worked in this field knows how difficult that is. Endeavouring to help them get to a point where they are able to engage in any semblance of normal life, it can take years and even the rest of their lives.

Dear Representatives, this is playing with fire, this is a regressive step and in no way progressive. May I urge you to think carefully before even considering a yes vote for this proposed legislation.

Because I believe abortion to be a crime against the personhood of unborn babies and our own humanity I ask you to throw out this Bill. Thank you for your consideration.

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