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It is with sadness and concern that I contact you regarding the Abortion Law Reform Amendment Bill to be voted upon [on the 22nd of August 2016](#).

These laws are an absolute disregard for basic human rights. They are barbaric and cruel and will be the worst in the western world.

As a woman I believe that women DO have a choice, while I disagree with abortion at any stage, the law as it stands does allow for early termination. It is the late term (24 to 40 weeks) that concerns me far more. These babies are viable 'little people' who our doctors and nurses fight to save at the same stage.

We as a country advocate for the rights of animals, going so far as to cease live export, but fail the innocent voiceless children who deserve far more than a lethal injection and a crushed skull all without anaesthesia.

Sadly this law will make the most precarious and dangerous place for a baby to be is in its mother's womb.

The issue that instigated this reform, as I believe is that of a 12 year old girl who fell pregnant and needed a termination. My thoughts on this are that in the early stages she was able to receive this abortion without being convicted of any wrong doing, even though in Queensland it is 'illegal'. Due to the 'mental health' argument no woman has ever been convicted of having an abortion or doctor convicted of performing one.

Research has shown that after the Abortion Law Reform Amendment was passed in Victoria in 2008 that the number of abortions increased by 600%. That is an awful amount of blood on the hands of lawmakers that allowed this law to pass.

I believe that Queensland is better than that, I believe that we as a state should stand up and speak for these voiceless and innocent Queenslanders.

I also believe that we should set a precedent that we can be proud of, one that rejoices in babies and nurtures their mothers through a crisis pregnancy. I ask that we change this culture and allow for greater support for these mothers, whether they have received a diagnosis of disability of their baby, which should have been available at a 12 week scan or the effects of a crisis pregnancy which will compromise the mother's mental health.

In conclusion, under no circumstance should this law be entered in to! I would strongly urge that the law remain unchanged and absolutely no reform of any sort be passed.

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