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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

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

I am writing to ask you to oppose the above bill introduced by Rob Pyne MP.

I am from Victoria, and my husband is a local country GP.

We see the problems with the Victorian Bill, similar to the one potentially for Queensland.

At the same time as decriminalising abortion up to birth, and exempting doctors from prosecution for killing unborn babies, the law then criminalises doctors who have a conscientious objection and don't want to be involved in killing unborn babies, and offers no assistance to women who want their babies but are in difficulty.

It also gives NO rights to the unborn, not even if they are viable and able to live outside the womb at that stage. It is medically known that abortion at late term is painful for the unborn baby, because born premature babies at the same stage as abortions would be performed are able to feel pain.

It gives NO rights to fathers who are equally parents of the unborn children.

Since abortion, especially at the later stages, is a traumatic experience, it would make sense to put limitations, or at least have avenues to explore alternatives, such as counselling for financial difficulties or for emotional/ social issues. These things need to be included in the law as protection for women.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely

Mrs Josephine de Sousa

