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The proposed bill brought forward by MP Rob Pyne on abortion law reform is not well founded and, if carried through parliament will ultimately be detrimental to the emotional and physical well-being of women and result in an exponential increase in the number of abortions. Similar decriminalisation of abortion in Victoria (although as is the case in Queensland, thousands of abortions were carried out annually pre- legalisation without any criminal charges being laid) resulted in a 600 percent increase in the number of abortions post legalisation. This was despite claims by advocates of abortion legalisation that it would have no effect upon the rate of abortions. One would have to ask what the purpose of this bill is if criminal charges are not generally laid against women procuring abortions or abortion staff, other than to encourage an expansion in the number of abortions. Arguments claiming a need for modernisation or falling inline with some of the other states are not sound reasons for changing the law. Similarly, arguments that women cannot access abortion services because of the current law are unfounded. In any case, abortion rates need to be curbed. In an age when the birth rate is so low that taxes will need to be ever-increasing in order to fund an ageing, non- working population and many couples wait desperately for a child to adopt, increasing the birth rate and opening up access to adoption makes perfect sense. On a human rights and ethical and humane level, the number of abortions currently taking place in Queensland is nothing short of a tragedy. To allow the killing of the most defenceless human beings (those in the mothers womb and those born alive after late term abortions) is indicative of a society who has lost its moral compass and respect for human life, no matter what state of existence. We cannot rally vigorously against the killing of animals and exact harsh penalties on perpetrators while ignoring and even promoting the killing of unborn human life, claiming the right to kill as a "human right" or "woman's right". It is unfathomable to perpetually promote action seeking an end to violence against women and all of society for that matter while at the same time passing a law that allows a mother to contract out the killing of her unborn child to an abortionist, especially in the proposed bill (no gestational limit) where that could mean up until the day of birth. Violence perpetrated upon those in the earliest stages of life (while largely invisible to the general public) has a cancerous effect upon societal peace, harmony and safety. It would be wise to dismiss this bill without the need for it to come before parliament for a vote.

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