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The Chairman  
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 am strongly opposed to the Bill introduced by Rob Pyne MP. Queenslanders do not wish to follow the example of Victoria and Tasmania where a baby can be aborted for a social or economic reason at any time during the pregnancy.

What most women experiencing an unexpected or unwanted pregnancy need is love, care, and guidance, not the trauma of an abortion which will have physical and psychological consequences later in her life.

There is more than the rights of a woman to consider – potential fathers are also impacted by a woman's abortion. They are the father of a dead baby. As individuals, we all have to moderate our "rights" for the greater good of another person, e.g. a parking space for a wheelchair-bound person. A woman with an unwanted pregnancy needs to think of the greater good, which is to bring her baby to birth and a full and happy life.

Long gone is the myth that a pregnancy is only a clump of cells. Modern ultrasound demonstrates the humanity and life of the preborn baby. Modern technology can keep babies alive who are born after 20 weeks gestation. We have the example in Victoria where some aborted babies are older than those in neonatal wards following premature birth.

We have already seen rights of conscientious objection problems in Victoria where doctors have been brought before their registration bodies for refusing to send women to abortuaries. Already in Queensland the horror of babies born alive after abortions has been shown by the Q and A programme recently. Babies born alive must be resuscitated like any other newborn.

All babies are beautiful and precious. Killing is never a solution to a problem – it is a violent and destructive act. It is the lack of seeking a solution.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights – Article 3 declares "Everyone has the Right to Life". The International Convention on the Rights of the Child reads, "The child, by reason of his physical and mental immaturity, needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection, before as well as after birth."

Yours faithfully,

Eve Bennett

