

1. existing practices in Queensland concerning termination of pregnancy by medical practitioners;
2. existing legal principles that govern termination practices in Queensland;
3. the need to modernise and clarify the law (without altering current clinical practice), to reflect current community attitudes and expectations;
4. legislative and regulatory arrangements in other Australian jurisdictions including regulating terminations based on gestational periods; and
5. provision of counselling and support services for women.

It is my understanding that the above parameters are to be considered in your inquiry

I would question the wording and intelligibility of point 3 if abortion is still listed in the criminal code and I am assuming current clinical practice upholds the Law in Queensland then does this mean modernisation and clarification will not lead to abortion being decriminalised since that is what current practice is supposed to uphold?

I also query the phrase current community attitudes and expectations How does anyone really know what current community attitudes and expectations are ? Has there been a referendum held on this issue?

The majority opinion in the Deep South of America once was that slavery was an economic necessity and an integral part of its culture Did that make slavery morally right?

The Jewish people had their human rights stripped away under Nazi Germany's laws. Was that ever right? Even if thanks to the indoctrination of much of Germany's youth through the Youth movement and the education system many German citizens did not wake up to object and demand the abolition of such unjust laws.

Currently Queensland appears to have laws that still protect to some degree the rights of the unborn child. By all means clarify the law but in ways that increase that protection and do not adopt the betrayal of the child's rights reflected in the legislation of other states (point 4 of your parameters)

Ultra sound technology has reached such a level of sophistication that no one can be deceived by the lie that abortion is not killing a human being How can you change you law to rob the child in the womb of its right to safety and protection?

I would urge you to consider in make exploring point 5 of you task your first step. As soon as a woman is pregnant she should be offered support not to kill her child regardless of the circumstances of its conception but to go through the 9 months with plenty of help.

It is never right to kill the innocent. The child has committed no crime. No person not even the mother carrying the child has the right to kill it.

Those of you who are Emily Listers bear in mind that the only reason you are able to sit in the Parliament is because you were not aborted. Those of you who are male parliamentarians do not be fooled by the argument it is a woman's right and men must support women by agreeing to this. A child is conceived by a contribution from both male and female. It is the role of the decent man and father to protect both mother and child. You abdicate your rights as men if you acquiesce to this attempt to strip away the rights of the unborn child. I would also say to those who are passionate Greens filled with a desire to love and protect our world and its species that you should be equally ardent in your defence of the young of our own species who have been killed in their thousands on a daily basis in other states. You would be aghast if there was widespread indiscriminate slaughter of the young of other species Yet the legislation in other states allows that norm to prevail.

You have a golden opportunity here to discover and face the brutal reality of abortion and say Queensland laws will protect and support all women in pregnancy without resorting to the cowardly and barbaric practice of abortion.

If you have any doubts about the reality of abortion watch a video of what happens to that tiny, innocent vulnerable

and defenceless creature in the womb during the abortion process. After all if you are tempted to make it available you should be crystal clear about its reality.

One important reform you could consider is changing the status of a woman who is charged with having an abortion from perpetrator to victim. Under the law the perpetrators should be anyone who participated in the carrying out of an abortion or who were complicit in trying to force someone to get an abortion. By classifying the woman as victim you could then ensure that rather than being imprisoned she could be given counselling and medical help for post abortion consequences.

One of the other positives you could work on is that for women who feel totally unable to care for the child they have that adoption is made possible. For some individuals this is the best thing for them and the baby but only if handled with gentleness and sensitivity.

I realise this issue causes emotions to run high and some pro-abortion proponents really believe they are helping but I doing something wrong is never a good idea and it is wrong to kill an innocent creature. It does not solve problems for society it only creates more problems.

The Law must and should protect the innocent and vulnerable. To do any less is cowardly, foolish and ultimately destructive of the essential fabric of any culture.

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