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To: [abortionlawreform](#)
Subject: Abortion Law Reform (Women's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill 2016
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the above Bill. I find it incredulous that in a so called civilised society, that I should even have to write this letter, such is the fundamental right to life of a living baby. It is a medical FACT that a foetus is a living breathing baby with all the DNA it needs to develop into a strong and healthy boy or girl. All it requires is the internal nourishment from it's mother to grow until it is born. To have this life "terminated" is a soft and politically correct way of saying "murdered" so if governments want to sanction murder then be honest and call it that.

The other important issue is the mental state and physical health of the mother of the "murdered" baby.

As the mother, how will you feel for the rest of your life knowing that you have intentionally made or in most cases were forced, coerced or encouraged to CHOOSE to take the life of your own baby who has your own unique DNA, this defenseless baby who was looking and relying upon you for nourish and care. This decision will have an emotional effect on the mother for the rest of her life (in varying degrees).

A meta-analysis of 36 international studies involving more than one million women has concluded that abortions are associated with “significantly higher risk” of subsequent premature births, and underweight babies.

Prematurity is, in turn, associated with far greater risk of cerebral palsy and other conditions.

Brent Rooney of British Columbia's Reduce Preterm Risk Coalition said, “In May 2016 abortion-preemie denial became impossible.”

The [study](#) appears in this month's *American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology*, (behind a paywall) authored by Dr. Gabrielle Saccone and her research associates. It showed that a prior abortion or miscarriage was associated with a 52 percent increased risk of prematurity and also of greater risk of lower gestational and birth weights.

This study shows the undeniable damage that abortions cause later in life and one can only imagine what additional damage would occur for late term abortions.

The "convenience factor" of having abortions should not be placed ahead of the right of a baby to life, nor of the increasing health risks to mothers themselves and the health of any future children that they may have.

Interesting only South Australia and Western Australia compile statistics on abortions although Medicare funding applies to all states. I wonder why.

In SA in 2007, of the 5,048 abortions recorded, 183 related to medical conditions of mother or foetus, 4 to a pre-existing mental condition and 1 for rape. So 4,860 were made for "other" reasons.

In addition we know that in Vic in 2007, 54 known babies were born "Alive" and if we were able to extrapolate that across Australia, we are looking at in excess of 150 "Live Abortions". How sad that we value life so cheaply that we would leave these children to die.

With the passing of this Bill there is a huge concern that this already barbaric situation will increase many fold, the later we permit abortions to take place.

Your Faithfully,

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