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To: [abortionlawreform](#)
Subject: "NO" to abortion law reform
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Dear Parliament,

We are writing to let you know that we are against the current proposed changes to the abortion law in Queensland. The abortion legislation put forward by Rob Pyne MP would allow abortion up until birth for any reason.

On the most basic level this is murder of the defenseless unborn child and it is impossible to fathom how one can justify such measures. This is pure selfishness and denial of what constitutes life. Even our laws to protect nature and wildlife seem stronger than our respect for the unborn child. A unborn baby's right to life should not be dependant on whether they are 'wanted' by their genetic parents.

Secondly, as an allied health professional myself this places unfair pressure on doctors and their respective teams who as part of there medical profession vow to 'do no harm.' This creates a vast ethical dilemma as many babies are delivered pre-term for various reasons under doctors advice. It is ludicrous to suggest that a baby isn't a baby until it is born. How is it ethical for Doctors to be trying to prolong the life of a baby in a neonatal ward, and at the same time killing other babies. I can only imagine how difficult it would be to sleep at night if your job was to kill unborn babies everyday and lie to yourself and the parents that they weren't children or weren't able to survive and have quality of life albeit with an adopted family. Those poor doctors.

And also those poor politicians who have to look themselves in the eye after allowing such a Bill to be passed.

Thirdly, the adoption system in Australia is far behind that of the USA. As a couple we know many other couples who have had struggles with fertility and resorted to IVF that would have been interested in adoption was the process more straightforward.

Of course we could tell you about psychological effects on the mother/father, and other elements to this discussion that would take more of your time.

We appreciate you taking the time to read our letter, and we hope that the protection to the unborn child are increased.

Kind regards,

Jocelyn and William Henderson