

I wish to submit to the Committee that to decriminalise abortion and give a mother the "right to choose" is to redefine the reality of the unborn human life.

No matter which way you look at it, abortion is the deliberate killing of a baby by another human and NOT just a "procedure". Therefore, what right to life does one human being have over another human being?

To kill a child after birth is rightly regarded as murder. Yet to kill a child before birth is now being considered for decriminalisation. Is this because the unborn is defenseless? Surely, as a civilized society we must protect those who cannot defend themselves.

There are currently around 10,000 abortions in Queensland each year so one would assume that a majority of these are performed when the life of the mother is endangered by the pregnancy. Therefore, the law as it stands at present should not need to be altered or expanded to allow abortions to become even more accessible.

In my opinion, to decriminalise this barbaric practice would be a regressive step. Instead, more positive support and counselling should be available to women.

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