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To: [abortionlawreform](#)
Subject: Submission to Parliamentary Enquiry regarding the Abortion Law Reform Amendment Bill 2016
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Dear Sir/ Madam,

My husband and I wanted to tell you, what our thoughts are re changes to the law regarding abortion. As followers of the Lord Jesus Christ we believe life is a gift and children are a blessing from Him. It is obvious that many do not see life as a gift any more and that children are more likely to be seen as a nuisance or an interruption to the life and goals of some women.

We see no need for any change to the current abortion laws which allow for both the health of the mother and the child, but potentially penalising those wanting an abortion for convenience. It has been documented that women who proceed with an abortion for whatever reason, can suffer mental and physical health issues sometimes surfacing as long as 10 years after the abortion. We need to consider these implications for all women.

We find the suggestion horrendous, that Queensland might follow Victoria and ACT to make abortion without penalty to full term, legal. If the law in Queensland was changed to make it legal to kill the life of a baby one day before birth, it is a short step to the legalising of the killing of a baby one day after birth. I thought we were wanting to take steps to reduce violence against women and children instead it seems we are welcoming this type of violence. We are sure the majority of women would see taking the life of a viable baby, as murder.

Would our current laws, that require a funeral for babies born dead after 24 weeks need to be changed? Will these babies aborted after 24 weeks also require a funeral? Is it true that doctors will be forced to carry out these abortions even if they hold the view that instead of preserving life they are destroying life?

We see it as better option to use some of the public money that would be spent on medical abortions to be used to help and support women who might otherwise see abortion as the only possible alternative.

With responsibility comes accountability. We will be accountable for the decisions that Queensland makes regarding the lives of unborn children, who in this instance have no opportunity to defend themselves. Would you be willing to defend their cause?

Sincerely
Greg and Jill Peacock