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Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention  
Committee  
Parliament House  
George Street  
Brisbane QLD 4000

Dear committee members

**Abortion Law Reform (Women's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill 2016**

We understand that Rob Pyne MP has introduced a bill to amend the current legislation on abortion in the state of Queensland that would result in there being no gestational limit to abortions and no provision for conscientious objection.

We are deeply saddened by the thought of what this proposed bill would mean to so many tiny, defenseless human beings. Being the parents of two beautiful children ourselves, we have been through the wonderful experience of witnessing our unborn children grow and develop from conception up until their birth. We have seen and heard their little hearts beating from a very early stage; we have felt our unborn children kick and move around in their mother's womb; and we have read the numerous medical publications documenting that foetus' are indeed able to feel pain from a very early stage. As such, we just simply cannot understand how certain individuals in our society can consider a foetus not to be a living human being.

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We are brought to tears when we read articles about how abortions are performed. In particular, how little children that are born alive after a failed abortion are just left to die, alone, in an incubator. How can it be that our society is up in arms if say a one-day old child is left to die by its mother in a rubbish bin, yet we could somehow be unmoved to let this happen to say a child that was born alive in a failed abortion that was performed one day before his or her due date? God have mercy on us.

Furthermore, we have the following thoughts and questions:

- 1) Abortion is not a method of contraception. If a man and a woman conceive a child, it is their responsibility to care for that child
  
- 2) This bill does not consider the rights of the child's father.
  
- 3) We need more people in our country for economic growth. Would we rather murder our own children and then increase the number of immigrants to enable population growth? Surely that is absurd.
  
- 4) What about adoption? Surely there are people in our state and around the country that would love to adopt children that are not wanted by their biological parents? If it would prevent this bill from being passed, we would seriously consider adopting unwanted children.
  
- 5) If unborn children can be aborted because of a disability, why not those children or even adults that have already been born? Is this not what Adolf Hitler was

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aiming to achieve – eliminating those persons that did not meet his criteria for being a 'proper' human being? Whether a child is born or not should not have any bearing on its basic human right to life.

We wish to oppose the bill introduced by Rob Pyne.

We implore you to reject this proposed bill.

Please.

Yours faithfully

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