

To: Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee

Abortion Law reform (Woman's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill 2016

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Please oppose this bill to decriminalize abortion in Queensland which will allow abortions at any time for any reason.

Please oppose this bill on behalf of the thousands of innocent Queenslanders who will be killed as a result of it being passed. Abortion is not a preventative measure – its 'solution' is to kill the child.

It should never be a woman's **right** to kill an innocent human being. The barbaric and inhumane process of abortions which kill babies by poisoning, starvation or dismembering (in the case of late-term pregnancies) should never be considered a solution. For more information on abortion procedures - <http://www.abortionprocedures.com> ; <https://www.emilysvoice.com/get-informed/abortion-facts/>

How can the law declare it is a woman's right to kill an unborn baby in her womb, yet prosecute another person who accidentally causes injury to that same child while in her womb? See Mr Rob Pyne's explanatory speech:

"The bill does not amend or repeal section 313, Killing an unborn child, which makes it a crime to prevent a child being born alive by any act or omission of such a nature that if the child had been born alive and had then died, the person would have been deemed to have then unlawfully killed the child. This covers assaults on pregnant females with a child and has a maximum penalty of imprisonment for life. This rightly should remain in the Criminal Code."

Surely, abortion should be seen as the worst form of domestic and family violence against the child and not as the right of a woman over her body?

We strongly urge you to oppose this bill. Instead please recommend that alternative solutions – independent counselling and support services for pregnant women, and adoption, for example – be promoted and funded to help vulnerable women choose life instead of death. There is a need for women to be better informed that abortion is not their only option.

Yours sincerely

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