

**From:**  
**To:** [abortionlawreform](http://abortionlawreform)  
**Subject:** Submission re Abortion Law Reform (Woman's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill 2016  
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> Attention: Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention  
Parliamentary Committee

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>>>>> I am writing to express my husband and my deep concern and opposition to the above Bill.

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>>>>> As a mother of 6 children and as many grandchildren, and a Midwife of 36 years, sadly I have frequently witnessed the medical AND psychological effects from abortion, even as the current laws stand. Thus I urge you not to recommend that the laws become even more liberal. Already there are thousands of abortions annually in this state and at great cost to the taxpayer.

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>>>>> Medical side effect include infections and bleeding. Then in subsequent pregnancies often premature labour occurs due to incompetent cervixes damaged during the abortion procedure. In addition I see distressed mothers experience antepartum haemorrhage, or other placental problems such as bleeding from placenta praevia or accreta whereby the placenta adheres to the inner lining of the uterus, all due to damage caused during the abortion . The latter can further result in the devastating need for a total hysterectomy , as a life saving measure to this mother.

>>>>> Then there are numerous examples of self-harm, and depression, often postnatal, as the new mother realises her previous loss to abortion, often due to guilt, that it wasn't the "quick fix" she had expected. Endogenous depression over many years can be traced back to past abortions, becoming much worse during the lost child's birthdate or abortion anniversary. Not forgetting the fathers and grandparents in this situation also who often suffer too.

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>>>>> In Special Care Nurseries, babies as young as 24 weeks, the age of viability, are usually able to survive with medical help. It is cruel and the sign of an uncaring society not to protect these vulnerable babies from abortion up to 40 weeks, or term. This Bill proposes even more damage to our women and their families, as well as the staff who will have to deal with these distressing situations not of their choice.

>>>>> Queensland Health recently disclosed to Parliament that 27 babies were born alive following abortions and just left to die ..... This with even the current laws when preborn babies are still protected. How much worse will it become?

>>>>> And for the medical staff, grave concern, perhaps even against their own consciences.

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>>>>> There are so many repercussions to be taken into account...

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>>>>> On a positive note, contrary to this Bill, I would like to propose a scheme where these unwanted babies are adopted by a loving mother and father instead of aborted, and that the birth mother is compensated for for giving her baby life, which results in a far more life giving solution for everyone without the associated health problems also.

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>>>>> As a further suggestion to avoiding these health problems post abortion, can I recommend the proposal of a "cooling off" period of a day or two for mothers requesting abortion, after they have received extensive counselling about these associated health risks, including a higher risk also of breast cancer. Then, following this informed consent they may not choose to end the baby's life.

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>>>>> So, as we see, there are already too many negative issues surrounding abortion in Queensland, I again urge you please, NOT to vote in favour of this proposed Bill.

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>>>>> I thank you for your time and commitment to serving the people of Queensland

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>>>>> Yours Sincerely

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>>>>> Caroline and Joseph Ireland  
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