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To: [abortionlawreform](#)
Subject: re: Submission on the "Abortion Law Reform" proposal, QLD
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To the Parliament:

I plead with the Queensland Parliament to not pass this bill decriminalizing abortion. "[Love] it rejoices, not with wrong doing, but with truth..." (1 Corinthians 13:6). Please listen, Parliament, to the truth of this matter. Please fear the Lord in your authority, please show mercy.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in 1945, once wrote: "Destruction of the embryo in the mother's womb is a violation of the right to live which God has bestowed upon this nascent life. To raise the question whether we are here concerned already with a human being or not is merely to confuse the issue. The simple fact is that God certainly intended to create a human being and that this nascent human being has been deliberately deprived of his life. And that is nothing but murder."

This issue is a matter of **LIFE** and **DEATH**.

An issue that should **NOT** be used by politicians as a way to gain votes, and seem 'cool', and 'hip' among young voters. If section 224, 225 and 226 from the 1899 Criminal Code are removed, this makes women who are intent on the killing of their baby to have free range to conduct these "procedures". Let us keep the laws that we have on the books. The blood of the innocent will be on our hands if this bill is passed to decriminalize abortion in our state. Contrary to the belief, allowing this bill to be passed would be taking part of a barbaric, and archaic practice. We believe that abortion means we are moving a step forward, moving up as a society, but quite the contrary. We have made something that was inhumane into something that is a "woman's right". What about the rights of the baby in the womb? Why is he or she snubbed out in the name of "women's rights"? We believe in human rights, but there is no consistency in the way that we view people. Be strong, and courageous. Do not let women expose themselves, and their baby to dehumanization, and wicked practices.

These babies are image bearers of God (Genesis 1:26), just as you are. You were once in their life stage, very tiny in your mother's womb. You were given the mercy to grow to be men and women. Please consider the Law of God, He says: "You shall not murder" (Exodus 20:13), "there are six things which the LORD hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that run rapidly to evil...." (Proverbs 6:16-19).

As a believer, I will do anything I possibly can to help my neighbour, and call those around me to rally around helping mothers and their baby rather than go through this deadly ordeal. I've done and will continue to do the same for refugees trying to enter this country, by the way. There is no disconnect here. If there is anything that we can do, if we can provide shelter, supplies, or a loving family this is able to adopt, if possible...let's do this instead of promoting destruction. Let us promote redemption and restoration. Giving the mother and baby "a fair go."

Consider, also, the words of Mark Jones: "God loves the womb of a woman. He created the womb for his Son to dwell in at the most vulnerable stage of his earthly life. By extension, God has done the same for each of us. The womb is God's designated place of safety, but now it has become, tragically, the most unsafe place in the world.

God also created the womb as the place from which he would bring people into the world for his Son (Colossians 1:16). When an unborn child is killed, it is not just a sin against God but also a sin against Christ's glory. Why? Because that eternal soul will never have the opportunity to glorify Christ in this world. Each abortion potentially robs Christ of an embodied, living worshiper — the kind God seeks to glorify both himself and his Son. Abortion is so wrong because it robs God of his highest prerogative in this world: a creature made in the image of Christ who worships God by the Spirit. If there's anything that should grieve us about abortion — and there are many things — it should be that Christ has been robbed of his glory. We want children to have life. But more than that, we want children to have life in Christ — the life he came to offer by entering this world in the womb of a virgin."

I will be praying for you, all to make a decision that will seek to fear the Almighty Lord in your authority rather than man.

Sincerely,

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