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To the Committee reviewing Abortion Law Reform

I strongly disagree with the Private Members Bill from Independent MP Rob Pyne on Abortion presented to the Queensland Parliament which proposes to make Abortion legal with no safeguards and up to the day of delivery permitted.

While I strongly believe and support that women should determine and have say over their bodies and what they do with them, I also believe that right does not extend to the life of a baby that is growing in their bodies. They had a chance to do something about NOT creating that life before it started. In this day and age there is almost no excuse for a woman being pregnant if she doesn't want to be. I do accept there may be some exceptions – rape, incest and the mother's life endangered to name a few – if confirmed by a suitably qualified physician who has explained all of the options and consequences – both negative and positive. However, inconvenience or convenience (depending on how you look at it) is not one of them.

I am against these changes for the following reasons:

- Over 80% of girls/women in Australia who have had abortions report long term psychological trauma, grief and sadness
- Modern technology means a girl/woman can take precautions to not become pregnant
- Modern technology means we have proved the unborn child can feel and hear
- Modern technology means we have proved the unborn child moves independently
- An abortion, no matter the reason, is killing a child
- There are many couples in Australia wanting to adopt children

Furthermore, I object to my tax monies funding abortions through Medicare, except in the reasons stated above.

I do not support amendments to this Bill.

Regards

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