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To: abortionlawreform

Subject: submission to stand against Abortion Law Reform (Women's Right to Choose) Amandment Bill 2016

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## Dear Committee Members

We wish to express our strong opposition to the proposed decriminalisation of abortion in Qld, as tabled by Cairns MP Rob Pyne.

This Bill allows that an abortion can be performed any time right up to the time of birth, for any reason.

Life begins at conception. Technological advances in imaging and photography have allowed us to witness the development, growth and movement of a human baby in the womb... very much alive...a marvel of creation!

Babies feel pain as early as 20 weeks gestation.

How can it be that a baby could be LEGALLY KILLED a day before its birth, yet it would be defined as MURDER a day or more AFTER it is born??? It's not logical.

Just because it hasn't fully passed through the mother's birth canal (or by C- section)does not mean it is not a living human being, full of unique potential...!

So many doctors and nurses and other medical staff work tirelessly to save the lives of premature babies and even perform amazing 'en utero' procedures before birth for the best health outcome for the unborn baby eg. my friend's little unborn baby was given a blood transfusion at 32wks gestation only last week.

It is also our concern that this legislation would force medical staff to perform or assist in an abortion even if it is against their conscience. Does it not contradict their Hippocratic Oath? If abortions are allowed because of a detected or even suspected abnormality, or even sex-selection, it certainly comes across that certain types of people are not valued and can be disposed of.

We would be happy to see more support given to save babies and their Mums who feel so desperate that they see abortion as their only option.

We do not believe that the average, ordinary Queenslanders/Australians would support this Bill to change the present laws regarding abortion.

We believe a recent Galaxy Poll conducted in Queensland reflected this.

Please consider the right of the unborn children and oppose this Bill.

Yours faithfully Arthur and Lesley HALL



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