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Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee Parliament House George Street Brisbane Qld 4000

**Dear Committee** 

## Re: Abortion Law Reform (Women's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill 2016

As a former medical doctor, I am sympathetic with General Practitioners who dictated by their consciences refused to refer pregnant women for abortion. I believe some have been disciplined by the Medical Board in Victoria.

In the long run, I believe, some good doctors won't want to become GPs because they can't exercise their conscience in this area.

Any law concerning abortion needs provision for such doctors as well as other health workers who conscientiously object to abortion.

Another point that needs to be addressed is late term abortions. How is it ok to let a baby born alive, albeit a failed abortion, then be left to die? This is happening presently in Victoria and we must do something about this.

I urge you to consider the above and oppose the bill introduced by Rob Pyne MP.

Yours sincerely

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