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

Dear Committee,

I am writing to you in relation to the Abortion Law Reform amendment bill 2016. I am deeply opposed to abortion.

We should be helping pregnant women to find alternatives to aborting their babies. It is not right to take a human life anytime from conception to natural death. I am most concerned that Queensland is trying to bring in these liberal laws. How can any government consider killing babies up to 40 weeks gestation? Why has Queensland not learnt from the terrible mistake that Victoria made in 2008 with a similar bill?

It is interesting that we are keen on immigration to increase our population, when all we need do is stop killing our future Australians through abortion.

My husband and I would love to adopt a child but there is none available in Australia because they are not being given the chance to live.

We should be offering women ultrasounds of their babies and stopping telling the lie that the preborn are just "clumps of cells" and not human. Why is science so much more advanced when it comes to the truth about abortion?

My friend had an abortion about 15 years ago. We have spoken at length about this issue as she suffers terrible guilt. She was married with 2 children and did not feel she could afford another mouth to feed. I asked her if anyone had offered her an alternative to killing her baby. She said no one had. What is interesting is that the pro aborts call themselves "Pro Choice". Surely, no one would want to "choose" to kill their preborn baby if they thought there were alternatives. Why are we not offering alternatives to women who find themselves in this situation? Why do women state that they had no choice?

Why does the father have no say at all about the lives of their future children? This discrimination in reverse. Not to mention the discrimination of babies with disabilities. We are cleansing our society of beautiful Down syndrome people. We are in affect saying that if you are not perfect, you have no right to live. What message does this send to people with disabilities?

In addition, where are the safety nets for babies born alive after failed abortions? Why are they just left to die ad cruel death?

We should be working toward rolling abortion back not making it easier.

I could write so many points as to why we should not be legalising abortion and to how we should be instead helping woman to make choices that they will not regret for the rest of their lives, but this letter would end up being several pages long.

Please consider carefully the consequences of this bill before it is too late.

Yours faithfully

Sue Barber