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## OBJECTION TO Abortion Law Reform (Women's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill 2016.

I just watched a news report on the protection of children through the introduction of a specialized vaccination pathway programme at the Lady Cilento Hospital and I marvelled at the hypocrisy of our supposedly civilized society protecting born children yet putting up parliamentary bills to kill unborn ones. Abortion has been a criminal offence because there is no difference between an embryo and a new born baby as there is no difference between a baby and an octogenarian under law. What is the reason for this "Bill"? This Bill is extreme and is abhorrent. Decriminalising abortion will increase abortions in Queensland just as abortions have increased in Victoria since the 2008 bill was passed. Abortion is being used as another form of contraception there and for psychosocial reasons. This bill will create other problems such as the Rights of conscientious objectors and the horror of babies born alive after abortions as shown by the Q and A programme recently. Under law babies born alive must be resuscitated like any other newborn.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights – Article 3 declares that "Everyone has the Right to Life" and the International Convention on the Rights of the Child reads, "The child by reason of his physical and mental immaturity, needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection, before as well as after birth." Why do we deny the rights of the unborn by introducing bills like this? Surely we can help expectant mothers more than by giving them the option of abortion.

Yours faithfully.

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