

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a resident of Queensland, I am writing to make clear that I **OPPOSE** the Abortion Law Reform Bill that Mr. Pynes has put forward in parliament.

What will you leaders call the unborn in the womb?? and when will you say that a human being has a right to life?

Often pro-choice supporters says that the unborn does not have a right to life based upon four categories that include: 1. the size of the baby, 2. the intellectual development and mental capacity of the baby, 3. the environment of the baby, 4. the dependence on the mother of the baby.

But I truly believe that not one of these four categories show that the unborn should not be considered a 'life' with a right to live.

With regard to size, Is the unborn child too small to be protected? Are big people more valuable then small people? Are those built with large physiques more human then those with small frames? The answer of course, is no!

With regard to intellectual development, are three year old less human or valuable then 15 year olds? Is the unborn child not considered human simply because it can not be self-aware or speak or count? If mental acuity is the measure of what is considered human and what isnt, then what shall we do and how should we treat the mentally disabled or the elderly person with Alzheimers?

With regard to the environment, can location really matter with regards to measuring a humans value? Does the short journey during birth really make all the difference between 10 minutes ago this thing was not human, but because of its change in environment 10 minutes later its now human! Surely this defies all reason and logic.

Lastly, with regards to dependence on the mother. Do we truly only reserve respect and dignity for those who are independent from all human beings in our society? Do we deserve only to live when we can live on our own? Is the 4 month old not truly considered human or worthy of life because it depends on its mother for life? What if a person depends on dialysis, or insulin or a breathing device? Is value a product of fully-functioning vitality? Of course not!

Often our tolerance - driven society likes to justify and excuse abortion for reasons such as follows: "its a womans choice"; "the baby wasn't going to have a good quality life anyway"; "it was made from a circumstance of rape"; 'Dont judge another woman"; "It would affect the mothers mental health".

However, none of these arguments matter when the unborn is truly considered life because although they are small, although they have little intellectual development, although they have not yet breathed our air and although they are dependant on their mothers...they are considered LIFE! And life at all costs, ALL life should be protected and valued or we have nothing left to secure and stabilise us as a society!

In the most drastic circumstances pro-choice persons support a mothers choice in the situation of rape. However, why and how could it ever be the right choice to do evil cause a evil was done. It truly defies all morale to think that because rape has occured, the mother should have a right to murder.

Our current laws state that abortion is legal if its "Necessary to preserve the woman from a serious danger to her life or physical or mental health" (<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/qcg/documents/g-ttop.pdf>). But once again I truly believe this is a law that permits much abuse and evil with next to NO accountability! With no evidence except a verbal claim, I can say that my baby is causing me harm and I can have it 'legally aborted'. These precious little human beings have NO protection

from our current laws!!! There are so many people in society today who consider children to be an inconvenience to their current 'life-plans' or just 'dont want another one' which means a severely painful death for thousands of babies. Of course, some women genuinely do suffer severely with regard to their mental health once pregnant and some women didn't have a choice in pregnancy (e.g. rape), and support should of course be offered..but killing life is not the answer. Of course adoption should be considered, cause how can anyone say that an adopted child or mentally disabled child isn't going to have a good quality of life? No person can make those kids of judgments, whilst remaining reasonable, when everyday thousands of disabled and adopted children live to prove this idea wrong!

In conclusion, for all the above reasons, I absolutely disdain Mr. Pynes bill to even worsen our already terrible current abortion laws. I would ask that you would humble yourselves and consider the most vulnerable in society. We as a society, will only be as strong as the efforts we put into protecting the most vulnerable in society in all ages, conditions and races.

“What are your rights as a human person? Did you have those same rights five years ago? What about before you could drive? Or when you used training wheels? Were you less than fully human when you played in the sandbox? When you wore a bib? When you nursed at your mother's breast? When your dad cut your cord? When you tumbled in that watery mess and kicked against that funny wall? When your heart pounded on the monitor for the first time? When you grew your first fingernails? When you grew your first cells?

What shall we call the child in the womb? A fetus? A mystery? A mistake? A wedge issue? What if science and Scripture and commonsense would have us call it a person? What if the unborn child, the messy infant, the wobbly toddler, the rambunctious teenager, the college freshman, the blushing bride, the first-time mother, the working woman, the proud grammy, and the demented old friend differ not in kind but only in degree? Where in the progression does our humanity begin and end? Where does life become valuable? When are we worth something? When do human rights become our rights? What if Dr. Seuss was right and a person's a person no matter how small?

Why celebrate the right to kill what you once were? Why deny the rights of the little one who is what you are?”

(<http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/questions-for-our-pro-abortion-friends-church-leaders-and-politicians>)

Yours sincerely,

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