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**To:** [abortionlawreform](#)  
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am aware of the current Abortion law reform, proposed by Rob Pyne MP, and wish to advise my STRONGEST opposition to this legislation.

I quote from the Abortion Law Reform (Women's Right To Choose) 2016 Explanatory Notes, regarding the proposed Reform's Policy Objective . . .

**"This Bill will protect vulnerable Queensland women and the doctors that are currently risking prosecution to assist them."**

If abortion is the ONLY option presented to expectant parent/s, there is a GRAVE injustice and disservice being delivered to the families in those situations. More needs to be done in areas of counselling and alternate options for women and families.

This Bill WILL NOT protect vulnerable, as it will eradicate the MOST VULNERABLE of all, a precious child without a voice.

A recent opinion survey conducted by independent market research firm Galaxy, for the Australian Family Association found:

94% believes that a woman should receive free independent counselling and information so she can make a fully informed decision.

87% of Queensland voters want a cooling-off period of several days between making an appointment for the abortion and the actual operation.

And 75% want parental consent requirements for girls under 16.

79% of Queenslanders support conscientious objection provisions for doctors and nurses which would allow them to opt out of performing abortion operations against their will.

**85% are opposed to abortion after 20 weeks, with only 6% in favour. It is important to note that Rob Pyne's extreme position is supported by only 6% of Queenslanders.**

45% of Queenslanders are opposed to abortion in cases where a healthy mother is carrying a healthy unborn baby.

The vast majority, an estimated 97%, of abortions are performed for financial or social reasons, not for medical reasons. **So even in the first three months, support for abortion is highly conditional.**

The FULL survey report can be found here:

<http://abortionrethink.org/what-voters-think>

Allowing abortion procedures to be carried out at any time up to full term, is abhorrent, and in my opinion, should not be considered. When a child's heart starts to beat at 5 weeks, it can feel pain at 20 weeks, and can survive out side the womb from 21 weeks - where do we draw the line?

**If we are truly concerned about women's health, why the hush when it comes to the physical and psychological risks of abortion?**

How does abortion promote women's health? What about the health of unborn women?

Why do we perform highly advanced life-saving (and other) [surgery on children \*in utero\*](#) if a pregnancy only involves a woman and her doctor?

Is more abortion really the best we can offer women facing a difficult or unplanned pregnancy?

How can removing the existing, insufficient safeguards, and introducing virtually no safeguards whatsoever, be the best way forward for our country's women, but MOST IMPORTANTLY, the innocent lives of BABIES lost everyday this occurs?

I vote, and I OPPOSE this proposed legislation.

Thank you for your time in considering my submission.

Regards,

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