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

Dear Committee,

I am writing to you with regard to the *Abortion Law Reform (Women's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill 2016*. I would like to oppose this bill. I think it is extremely inhumane to terminate (kill) the foetus (baby) at any stage other than to save the physical life of the mother (which is already acceptable in current laws).

I have daughters of child bearing age and whatever the situation I cannot foresee a time when I would ever consider abortion a good idea. This opposition is magnified even more when I consider late term abortions. Babies who could live outside the womb are killed, sometimes for the convenience of the mother. I realise that most women having abortions think long and hard about their decision but it should not be just them that they consider. Ending a babies' life is never a better option for the baby.

Having an unplanned pregnancy can be a frightening, difficult time. I have a friend who has been through this. The mother needs our help, financial, educational and emotional, to be able to go through the pregnancy not our permission to destroy the life within her.

If the mother is unable to look after the child in a satisfactory manner and there are no family members willing and able to do so, then she should put the baby up for adoption. There are thousands of well intentioned possible parents who would be so grateful for the opportunity to raise a child. There is virtually no adoption in Australia now as most unwanted babies are aborted instead of allowing the child to be loved and cared for by adopting parents. Putting a child up for adoption is not easy but it is better than killing the child.

Many will say that late term abortions are used in situations where the baby will be born dead, deformed or disabled. Experience in Victoria has shown that if rules are removed then abortions because of congenital abnormalities only make up approximately 50% of late term abortions. And just because a child is born with a disability does not mean that that child's life is any less worthy than yours or mine.

Please, do not recommend this bill.

Yours faithfully,

Adele Williams