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Paula Snow

To The Committee

I am emailing you to express my thoughts on the proposed Abortion Law Reform Bill. I do not support this bill in any form. While abortion is not legal in Queensland, provisions are already made for abortions to take place and they in fact do take place at an alarmingly high rate. Whether people want to acknowledge it or not, abortions are extremely painful. Firstly for the unborn who feel every moment of extreme agony that abortion causes but also for the mother. Her pain continues as emotional with often life lasting effects including higher mental illness rates, depression and sometimes suicide. This bill doesn't allow for the appropriate support for women to make a decision with full knowledge available to them or post support of they decide to abort. While this bill tries to present itself as one that will help to empower women, it will actually have the opposite effect. Not to mention the damage to a young person who will be able to undergo an abortion without the knowledge of parents. Who then is going to pick up her pieces, support her when she crumbles under the emotional stress created by her decision. This reform will be harmful to women everywhere. I urge you to consider all the evidence when making your decision. I urge you to not give in to what seems to be pressure to support women's rights. I urge you to deny this reform for the real and wholistic support of women.

Sincerely

Paula Snow

Sent from my iPad