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To the committee debating Rob Pyne's Abortion Law Reform (Women's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill 2016.

I am sending my submission to this committee to register my opposition to this amendment.

How can a so-called 'progressive, civilized society' consider the murder of their unborn children a form of contraception? An unborn foetus is no less human than you or I, at any moment of its' development from conception to birth. If the end result, as we can all attest to by our very existence, is human, then a fertilised human egg is also human. The debate over whether a foetus is human or not is a disgrace - it has dehumanised our unborn in the eyes of many. Evidence has proven that an unborn child feels pain, which makes the termination of their lives absolutely horrific. That these little souls are left like trash in a bucket until they die, is testament to a totally uncivilized society.

Every child deserves to be born into a loving family, where it is wanted and will be loved and cherished. Sadly, I know this is not the case for many unplanned pregnancies. The fault here, lies not with the innocent babies, but with the so-called adults who think they are adult enough to be sexually active, but don't seem to be adult enough to take responsibility for their own contraception needs. It would seem to me to be a 'no-brainer', but obviously our young people are not receiving the necessary education in this area. Abortion should never be put forward as an option or alternative.

Obviously, there are other cases where a woman has been raped. It is not her fault that she is needing to 'pay the price' by giving her body over to an unborn child, but neither is it the fault of the baby. Hard though it may be, a better option to murder must surely be adoption. There are many loving couples who would adopt and love this child as their own. As for the mother, she should also be supported financially and emotionally for what she has endured.

The Policy Objective of this Bill is the removal of Abortion from the Queensland Criminal Code. Dr Carolyn Costa is quoted as calling this a 'health procedure'. The only time abortion could be considered a 'health procedure' is when the life of the mother is in danger, should the pregnancy continue. It is certainly not 'a health procedure' for the innocent baby, they pay with their lives.

Fundamental Legal Principles - How can anyone claim that murder of the unborn is 'consistent with Fundamental Legal Principles'? If that is the case, then we can all murder the people that are a 'nuisance' in our lives, without the fear of any legal consequences. Is THIS the world you want to live in?

Alternative Ways of Achieving Policy Objective - yes, there are many alternatives to achieving the policy objective. How about teaching our young people to value themselves and their bodies; to abstain from sexual activity until such time as they are in a position to provide a family unit (of father, mother and children) for any conceived off-spring. Current sexual education programmes have only encouraged immorality, but now we all pay the price. It is time for the people of this State/Country to say 'enough is enough'. Just because the horse has bolted does not mean that we should not bring him back.

Cost of the Bill - what Rob Pyne's Bill states is a load of rubbish. The resultant human suffering when women realise the enormity of what they have done, usually later in their lives when they have matured, has been shown by studies to be very significant indeed. Sometimes the injury suffered by the mother as a result of the abortion has left her unable to conceive later on. Just because Mr Pyne does not know these people personally, does not mean there is no cost. Just because governments can't tie the costs suffered by the State to certain medical and psychological costs, does not mean that they are not very real.

Benefits of the Bill - There are no benefits to the human rights of the child - the only innocent party. They did nothing in order to be conceived. I believe the mother should be charged for the procurement of an abortion and for not being adult enough to use contraception. A doctor who carries out the procedure has taken the oath to preserve life and any other action requires criminal charges. Abortion is NOT in most cases, a health

procedure. Ending the life of another human being has never been and never should be a 'basic human right'.  
Women DO have control over their own bodies - before conception.

Therefore, I believe making abortion legal in Queensland would be a retrograde step that has no place in a progressive society, and I urge you to be a voice for the unborn children of Queensland, and to put this proposed Amendment In the garbage where it belongs.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Alison Probst.