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## The Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention

Committee of the Queensland Legislative Assembly

Dear Members,

My name is Charles Ralph Bazley and I live at .  
My phone number is . This email should also include my email address and I welcome replies in that manner.

My opinion on abortion law reform (Women's right to choose) is that we have as human beings some long held principles that should not be broken. Women definitely do have rights to choose, but they should not go against these principles that human life is valuable and should not be taken by any person without reasonable excuse. We are entitled to defend ourselves, which includes the right to kill others so that we are not killed, and capital punishment no longer exists, so that is no longer a reason to kill.

The baby has rights too. Science has progressed and we know now that it is no longer just a mass of cells until the day it is born. It really is a progression from conception until it is fully formed and capable of existing outside the womb not much more than half way through the normal pregnancy period. Medical science has progressed in that regard that they are able to live outside the womb much earlier than ever before.

In that sense it is pointless to say that a baby is not a human until it's born and therefore not needing the law's protection the same as every other human being. So when is the critical point? Do we say "at the time when it's capable of living outside the womb?" The problem with that is that it changes all the time as medical procedures get better and better. Do we say when the heart starts beating? I believe that most people would find that a more justifiable point where the law's protection would be expected, from a scientific point of view.

So you, the Members of this Committee have a life and death responsibility to decide, and you have to give good logical and scientific reasons for your decisions.

I agree that Women's rights need to be respected too, and where possible, we need to balance their rights and the baby's rights both equally highly. If you do not do this then you need to realize that because the actual time of birth is really quite arbitrary, (completely at the whim of doctors as to when it could be induced or delivered by surgery), then if you can kill the baby before birth, then there is no logical and scientific reason why you could not kill the baby after birth too.

I sympathize with you because it is not an easy decision, but we the people of Queensland are needing you to make a good and a right decision that doesn't go against our normal human rights of the right we all have to life. So I submit that a baby should be protected the same as anyone of us, except where it puts the Mother's life in jeopardy directly and then both parents under consultation with doctors need to decide, with the Mother given the final say in that particular situation.

Yours Sincerely,  
Ralph Bazley.

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