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**Abortion Law Reform (Women's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill 2016 and Inquiry into laws governing termination of pregnancy in Queensland**

Rob Pyne claims there is a need to change Queensland law on abortion. His reasoning is completely illogical as Queensland's current law relating to abortion already allows many thousands of babies to be aborted in Queensland every year (unfortunately). Tragically Pyne's cruel bill will not only increase abortions but will allow babies in the womb to be murdered up to 40 weeks (9 months) gestation! This is akin to infanticide! He cites a Cairns court case where charges were brought against a man and a woman for aborting the two months old baby she carried in her womb. She had an abortion not because giving birth would adversely affect her "physical or mental health" (which is lawful) but basically "for life style reasons" which is rightly against our current law. Even so this was the first known case under the Criminal Code provisions relating to abortion that a woman had been brought to trial for in Queensland. Not only that, the jury found the defendants not guilty! Seeing as no one has been convicted of illegal abortion in Queensland what is the politician Pyne really trying to achieve?! It should concern Queenslanders that as well as the tragedy that he wants to allow the killing of an unborn baby up to the day of birth, there is also no conscientious objection clause in the bill that would allow doctors, nurses and other medical staff to opt out of performing an abortion. In other words Doctors and nurses who conscientiously object to killing a baby in the womb could be fired or even prosecuted! I know many doctors and nurses who are against abortion for good reasons - various studies show about 97% of all abortions are performed for psychosocial reasons, including half of late-term abortions (after 20 weeks gestation). Less than 3% of abortions are performed because the child has a disability. Less than 1% of abortions are performed on women who are the victims of rape. One study of 192 women who conceived as a result of sexual assault showed 78 % of the women who chose to abort (representing 30% of the total) regretted their decision. None of the 70% who continued their pregnancies regretted the decision.

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