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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”

With regard to the Act itself and its “contents” (lack of) and the way it is being handled:

- The body of the entire proposed Act can be summed up in half a sentence. E.g. Section 224/ 225/226 “omit” and before S226 insert “repealed”. I am accustomed to ready environmental legislation that is hundreds of pages long and into which much research has been done. “Inquiry into Laws governing termination” – I do not see that any research or inquiry has gone into drafting this amendment law reform. I therefore consider this proposed Act, “a joke” drafted upon a whim. It is extreme laziness and demonstrated lack of due diligence to simply “press the delete key” four times to erase legislation, when thousands upon thousands of babies lives are at stake, plus the psychological and mental health of their mothers, fathers and extended family. The consequences are not considered and the potential consequences of doing so have not even been given a thought, and with no safeguards. why the law was there in the first place.
- If this case (proposed law reform) were being presented before court, I would expect that it would be “chucked out” of court for being in contempt of court, and for wasting the time of the courts. Also no opportunity for the Defence to present their case has been made, as can be evidenced in the Abortion Law Reform Act
- I also think it is an insult to the people of Queensland (and those that drafted the existing QLD laws) that they should be simply deleted, as if they did not exist before, and were not fulfilling any function. They are currently fulfilling a much needed function.
- To hurry legislation through Parliament, that should have been sent back to the drafting board numerous times before it could qualify as an “Act”, is
- It is not the job of the Committee to undertake the research and medical/ psychological research for both the baby and the mother that should have been done prior to its submission. The MP’s are not qualified doctors, and do not have experience with dealing the aftermath of abortion, they should

not be expected to be sudden experts. This places an unethical burden upon the busy MP's who also have families of their own. Extensive research needs to be done prior to bills being presented.

- Previously Queenslanders were told that they had a number of months to make submissions and write letters to their MP's. I see it as a perversion of justice, and democracy to have the timing to be brought forward to the end of the fiscal year. It would seem to be purposely timed so that that anyone that has any end of financial years matters to attend to (i.e. many employees, all small business owners, accountants, stock takers, health insurance deadlines (for some health funds) cannot have any input. Also timing it (30 June) to when the nation is distracted with the election, so that community is unlikely to even notice that a Bill has come forward threatening the life of a large percentage of the next generation. This tells Queenslanders that something underhand is going on, that the public must either be muted or distracted if the bill is to pass. We Queenslanders therefore ask for an extension of time, for justice sake.

### **Recommended Reading:**

Can I please recommend that these two books be read as part of your research into the life of the unborn child and the adverse physiological effects of abortion upon women:

- "The Secret Life of the Unborn Child, A remarkable and controversial look at life before birth." By Dr Thomas Verny with John Kelly, 1981, Sphere books, ISBN 0-7221-8821-8
- "Giving Sorrow Words, Women's stories of grief after abortion." By Melinda Tankard Reist, 2000, Sydney, Published by Duffy and Snellgrove, distributed by Pan Macmillian. ISBN 1-875989-97-6

I can make a copy of both of these books available to my local MP Leanne Linard.

### **Research Topics for the Committee**

- Abortion can be used as a cover up for incest, paedophilia and increases the profitability of the sex trade & human trafficking at the expense of women and children lives who were and are continuing to be abused and treated as an object.
- Those that are sexually abused want some way of escape, or being able to expose the "dirty little secret" that has been stealing their life often accompanied with death threats if they do tell. Abortion keeps the "dirty secret" a secret so that more sexual abuse can occur.
- Babies in the mother's womb are human beings, and need to be treated as human beings.
- The way this bill proposed to treat human babies is worse than we would treat animals. If we were tearing out a joey from a kangaroo or a koala and killing it, we would have the RSPCA onto us, there would be an uproar and we'd potentially get on the nightly TV news if caught for cruelty to animals.
- "Surely a young person should not have to ruin their young lives by proceeding with a pregnancy if they are not ready and their family and their doctor think it inadvisable."
  - Abortion is not the answer to this – How about adoption?, how about support from counsellors and financial support?, how about self-confidence education? Adaptability training?, how

about alternative paths for education that are baby friendly?

- This comment does not consider the even younger person that inside the mother's womb.
- It falsely assumes that there is no aftermath to abortion. When there is frequently grief, depression, guilt, shame and mental illness suffered by the mother and the father.
- It falsely assumes that killing the baby (the "problem") is the only answer, when the babies can often end up being the greatest unexpected blessing ever.
- Tearing a baby limbs off in the womb and sucking out their brains is torture. Please do not be dumbed down by words such as "termination" or "abortion" as if they did not mean killing or murder.
- This legislation serves the opposite purpose to the "baby bonus" handout, to encourage birth of new babies.
- The blessing of motherhood and fatherhood has not been considered.
- What role do the fathers play? It's their child too?

I have run out of time to add any more, so please excuse typos etc. If adequate time, and outside election period, had been given to Queenslanders a better quality submission would have been drafted.

Regards,

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