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Please do not allow this abortion Law Reform to become law.  
I have been a prayerful presence with others outside a Queensland abortion clinic for many years.  
It deeply disturbs me that most mothers have an abortion without fully INFORMED consent, as is necessary by law for other surgical procedures, and any Counselling, independent or otherwise.  
No referral for abortion in Queensland is necessary at this highly emotive time when mothers first realise they have an unplanned pregnancy. This is fact since I have many times spoke via phone to abortion clinic staff to verify these truths. Mothers can go from the street and freely seek abortion without any questions except the date of their last menstrual period. If unsure of date, mothers are scanned so appropriate charges are applied.  
As abortion is practised at Queensland abortion clinics the law is ignored. Without counselling how can the abortion doctor know the state of the mothers emotional or physical health. Mothers sign the consent form without discussion.  
We now know of the hidden hurt within families and our communities of the effects of abortion. With Government help, many mothers would greatly benefit in not having the deep hurt of abortion affecting their lives and be free to choose other options like adoption.  
The documentary film "Hush" (pro-choice Director /pro-life Producer) outlines honestly the health effects of abortion on women. It reinforces the necessity of fully informed consent. Mothers stated they would not have had an abortion if they were fully informed of the possible consequences.  
Until Queensland women are given independent Counselling pre and post abortion with fully informed consent, any law reform to decriminalise abortion will greatly compound, with more abortions, the ongoing hurt already felt within our families, communities and State.  
Maria McLaughlin