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To: abortionlawreform

Subject: Submisison on Abortion Bill

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In relation to the Abortion Law reform Amendment Bill 2016,

a submission against the Bill; I want to register my opposition to the above Bill.

As the primary objective of the Abortion Law Reform (Woman's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill 2016, as outlined in the explanatory notes, is the removal of Abortion from the Queensland Criminal Code.

Explanatory notes on the website says "regarding the need to modernise and clarify the law (without altering current clinical practice), to reflect current community attitudes and expectations"

Passing legislation to reflect community attitudes and expectations is dangerous practice. Legislation should be based on moral law and principles not on the winds of public opinion.

The Committee would of course be cognisant of the legislative program in Germany in the mid to late 1930's which progressively removed the powerless and weak to reflect dominant Aryan "community attitudes and expectations".

At the risk of reiterating the cost of the current abortion rate in Australia on the social fabric of the nation, has all been well documented, including:

- 1. The philosophical debate for a woman to have the right to choose to "remove" "kill", "terminate" her unborn child is a philosophical and moral illusion. Obviously an unborn woman in the womb who is aborted, who may possibly include Australia's first female Prime Minister, does not have the right to choose to live her own life;
- 2. The medical effect on woman who has abortions is immense, increased suicide rates, depression and mental illness is all well documented. This is a largely unspoken of problem in society, as the "problem" i.e. the unwanted baby is now out of sight/mind and the woman who has had the abortion has to deal with the consequences;
- 3. The message sent to men in our society with the gazetting of this kind of Bill is that it's okay for men to walk away when it's too hard from their unborn children and their pregnant women, by allowing unrestricted abortion; it increasingly leaves women behind to clean up the mess and deal with the grief. This appears to perpetuate domestic violence against women;
- 4. A removal of a generation of young men and women from Australian society, 90,000 a year of young people. We wonder why Australia is an ageing society. The removal of a generation will continue to place increasing strains on the economic system, the health system, the families left behind and the mental health system with more and more aged persons to be looked after. There will also be less and less young people to contribute to the workforce and create a vital dynamic society. One only needs to look at Japan as an example of an ageing society and the future consequences for that nation:
- 5. The removal of a father's rights to have any say over the aborting of his child, if he has the courage to support the woman and she does not want the child; and
- 6. The consequent impact on relationships if one partner does not want an abortion, the relationship suffers or ends.

I hope you consider this submission and have the moral courage to reject this Bill and help to build a society from the ground up based on respect, responsibility and love.

Thanks a lot for the opportunity, cheers

Mr Stuart Roberts