

To whom it may concern

IM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE TRUTH NOT BEEN TOLD TO WOMEN OF THE LONG TERM EFFECT OF ABORTING THEIR UNBORN CHILD.

I'm a 36yr mother of 7 children and one more on the way, married and living on a property that my husband is managing near Goondiwindi .

As I'm researching about abortion on the net, I weep at the number of women who are told a lie and find out later on what they really, really have done to themselves and their baby. The long term effects on women from abortion is hard to ignore. Women are told they can free themselves from the responsibility of bringing up children, shame, or whatever they are seeking an abortion for, but find themselves trapped and guilt ridden and suffering from depression, alcohol abuse ,suicidal and living a lie. (#www.abort73.com)

How much counselling is there for young and older women who are thinking of abortion? Do they have the truth spelt out plainly that there are more negatives than positives for abortion? Is there help for young girls who are being kicked out of home or threatened by boyfriend, parents etc.? Is there counselling to parents telling the truth that they are forcing their daughter to kill their grandchild? The amount of money the government spends on mental health and family problems, suicide prevention etc. I wonder if the truth was told to young girls at school in sex education, would we see less babies being aborted. (The truth is every girl and boy is special .Wait for marriage. Keep yourself for one man to many problems when you sleep around. Aborting your baby comes at a price – grief, shame, self-hatred and mental breakdowns.) I think they need to hear from other women and learn from their mistakes. Why is adopting not mentioned much? There are lots of women wanting to have children and can't. Abortion has a big effect on men too. This is such a big issue, it's not freeing women, it's enslaving them even more.

Babies should be saved from 20weeks if aborted live and given a chance at life. # (27 babies left to die without medical help in Queensland in 2015 this was told by Cameron Dick Minister for health.) How sad. Let the whole of Queensland know of what is done in secret and the whole of Australia for that matter. Let's change the way we treat unborn babies and women.

I notice a lot of advertising about domestic violence and smoking. Where is the advertising against abortion and warning of its effect on women. # (the-gospel.org)

I looked on my phone where you can get an abortion in Queensland. They all told me it would be safe discreet and compassionate. That's a lie, it's not safe, it's not compassionate! Too easy to murder a baby that no-one can see but the mother knows and has to live with the guilt that no-one told her the whole truth about the long term effects on her heart and mind. Laws need to be changed to protect women not enslave them to guilt, shame and hopelessness. Abortions are not the answer for women.

I want to shake young girls' hands who courageously went against the flow and kept their babies even though society looks down on them! **Please stop abortions at any stage of pregnancy!**

Yours sincerely

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