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Subject: FW: Submission for "Abortion Law Reform (Women's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill 2016"
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Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee, Parliament House
, George Street, Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Committee ,

Re: Abortion Law Reform (Women's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill 2016

We are writing to ask you to oppose Rob Pyne's bill.

This proposed Bill takes protection away from unborn babies of all ages re abortion. It is very disturbing that abortion can be carried out up to term, the full 9 months of gestation, in some states in Australia. How can this be seen as different to 'killing a child' when one can be charged under section 313, Killing an unborn child? Section 313 makes it a crime to prevent a child being born alive by any act or omission of such a nature that if the child had been born alive and had then died, the person would have been deemed to have then unlawfully killed the child. This demonstrates the value the State placed on the life of the unborn - if a child has a chance of being born alive no one should have the 'choice' to end that life; either through assault on the life of the pregnant mother or assault on the life of the unborn child through abortion.

Adoption also needs to be presented as a viable option , rather than so much of our Medicare funding the ending of small lives.

We are concerned that the amendment to this bill does not include a conscientious objection clause to protect medical staff who may disagree with the procedure due to personal or religious values and beliefs. This is significant. If medical staff who morally disagree with the procedure are forced to comply with the amended bill they may feel the need to resign or suffer mental anguish. Why should one person's decision have the effect of forcing another to lose their job or suffer mentally?

We are very concerned about this proposed Bill and the effect it will have on our society. We have grandchildren and wonder what effects this sort of law would bring to our community, when the government offers death instead of support and care to vulnerable babies, women and families. Please do not accept this Bill.

Yours sincerely,

Ray and Joyce Palmer

