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To: <u>abortionlawreform</u>

Subject: De-criminalisation of abortion law in Qld Date: Thursday, 30 June 2016 2:39:19 PM

I am writing to express my concern about changes to abortion laws in Qld.

As a mother of 6(plus 2 precious miscarried babies) I believe we have an obligation as a society to defend our most vulnerable and that it should be clearly enshrined in our legal system.

The phrase "unwanted baby" is a misnomer in Australia. Please look at the lists of people waiting to adopt in Australia, or willing to spend large amounts of money on overseas adoptions or IVF(which we all know is highly stressful and often unsuccessful).

These couples wait with empty arms for a baby to love. It is quite insulting to them to talk about "unwanted children".

If Mr Pyne, or others, want to defend the rights of Women, let them really act bravely and defend the rights of the precious unborn little women(and little men)in our state. Let them look at an ultrasound even at 12wks and see how beautiful and complete those little people are. I challenge you to show true courage in defending those who are least able to defend themselves. In the process, another couple yearning for a baby could be blessed with the opportunity to be parents.

Thankyou for reading this.

Yours,

Mrs Jessica Andersen