To the members of the Committee,

I wish to express my strong opposition to the proposed decriminalisation of abortion in Queensland.

There are many circumstances that would influence a parents' desire to terminate the life of their child, however this does not negate the fact that an act of sheer will is taking another's life.

It is deeply troubling to consider a parent who's longed-for unborn child dies at 8 months gestation as the result of something outside of their control, for example domestic violence or a car accident and for the law to support charges against the perpetrator, yet when it IS the decision of the parent this same life in the womb of another is no longer deemed worthy of recompense, justice and protection.

I ask the government to refrain from changing the existing abortion laws in our state to protect the pre-born citizens who cannot yet speak for themselves. I ask the government to refrain from changing the existing abortion laws for the safety and welfare of women who are in domestic violence situations who do not want to abort their child but could be forced to do so if the state can no longer give her protection. I ask the government to refrain from changing the existing abortion laws for the mental health and well-being of parents who believe that abortion is the only option and consequently suffer negative physical and psychological consequences. I ask the government to refrain from changing the existing abortion laws so that other options such as adoption become a real possibility which preserves life and could well be a new families joy.

I strongly urge the government not to change the current laws so that further loss of life is averted.

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