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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

Please be advised that like many other concerned citizens, I oppose the Bill introduced by Mr Pyne and am strongly against unrestricted access to abortion services. I believe these should only be available to those women in the most desperate of circumstances. This issue is not just all about women's choices when other lives are impacted and someone always dies, which is an inescapable and unpalatable truth. In many cases around this nation, it would seem life in the womb is judged as an expendable commodity, even though in reality, it is a totally separate entity with its own DNA.

It is becoming apparent that abortion is more often than not becoming a means of contraception resulting in death to babies and harm to women and herein lays the inherent danger of this Bill, which is extreme with no limits on gestation.

It is also a great concern that figures were recently released by Health Minister, Cameron Dick regarding the number of later-term abortions where babies survived, but were not given care. Surely this is an unconscionable state of affairs and a sad indictment on what our society has become.

Also, quite a number of studies have been conducted including the British Journal of Psychiatry 2011 that concluded, 'there is a significant increase in mental health problems after abortion' as well as other possible health issues, therefore the possibility of such adverse consequences should be well noted.

It is the collective responsibility and moral obligation of legislators and the community to work towards ensuring that the dignity and basic rights of every human being at all life stages from conception to natural death, is preserved as far as practicable.

Thanking you in anticipation of your favourable consideration of my submission on behalf of those most vulnerable human beings who cannot speak for themselves.

Sincerely

Margaret Farley

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