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To the Research Director, Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee

Please accept my submission, on behalf of the people that I represent in the community.

I will address the following elements:

1. existing practices in Queensland concerning termination of pregnancy by medical practitioners;

Failures of the process demand increased oversight and restriction, not less.

2. the need to modernise and clarify the law (without altering current clinical practice), to reflect current community attitudes and expectations;

Australia's Constitution provides protection to its citizens with out discrimination. However, as exposed in the case of the 27 babies born and left to die as a result of failed abortions, these little citizens of Australia have been failed by Queensland's current laws.

Given the clear out cry articulating the current community concerns, attitudes and expectations, it is clear that abortion laws need to be reviewed.

But instead of progressing or opening the flood gate, I would argue that the 27 deaths stand as clear evidence that such "progress" is actually regressive.

Simply if the State cannot provide and guarantee adequate protection to all it's citizens, then abortion laws will need to be tightened and rest with the Commonwealth.

3. provision of counselling and support services for women.

As a child protection worker, having seen the detrimental impact that abortion have on mothers, their relationships and families, it is imperative that women facing such difficult decisions have a right to mental support, both prior, during and following these procedures.

Kind regards Tony Moore



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