## To Research Director Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee Parliament of Queensland

## Abortion Law Reform (Woman's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill 2016

My name is Joanne Di Lorenzo and I am writing a submission in the hope you would oppose the proposed Bill on the Abortion Law Reform (Women's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill 2016, which has been introduced by Rob Pyne. Victoria's abortion law is the most extreme in the Western world - allowing babies to be killed right up until the moment they would otherwise be born. I would really hope and pray Queensland does not go down the same path as Victoria's abortion.

There are many reasons why I oppose abortion, but first and foremost we should always oppose it for the undeniable fact that it is a deliberate act of killing a human being.

Added to this is the recent revelation in Queensland parliament these twenty-seven babies in Queensland were left to die after abortions. The act of abortion itself is abhorrent and inhumane, and this new report highlights this inhumanity. How can we allow this?

A report on a comprehensive independent market research survey conducted by Galaxy Research, commissioned by the Australian Family Association. This randomised telephone opinion poll of 400 Queensland voters was conducted from 6 to 8 May 2016, with 13 questions in total.

This poll tell us

85% are opposed to abortion after 20 weeks, with only 6% in favour.

This poll also shows that 79% of Queenslanders support conscientious objection provisions for doctors and nurses which would allow them to opt out of performing abortion operations against their will.

The research also showed that 45% of Queenslanders are opposed to abortion in cases where a healthy mother is carrying a healthy unborn baby, with 38% in favour.

Legalising abortion could allow unborn children to be killed right up to the moment of birth; ignores the serious physical and psychological effects of abortion on women; could coerce doctors, nurses and health workers into performing a barbaric procedure against their consciences; and fails to address the desperate plight of women who tragically see abortion as a solution.

I think you're forgetting one main person here, and that's the babies' right to life. I know you have heard this all so many times before but why punish the baby. You say everyone deserves the right to choose what they do with their body .What about the little human being inside the mother and their choice? Please look at this picture and tell me it's not human.



I urge you to consider these points when making your decision and recommend rejection of the Bill.

Yours sincerely

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