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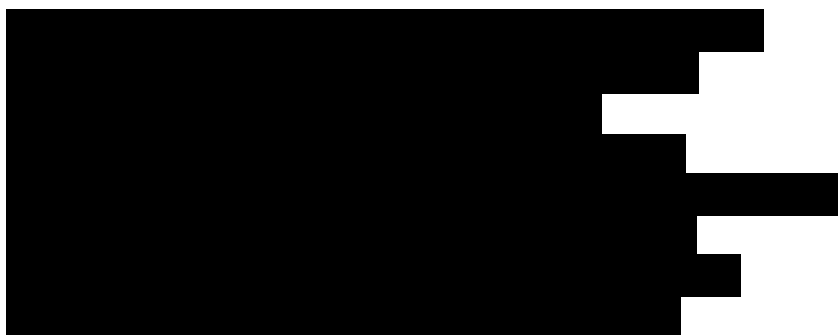
PLEASE DO NOT RECOMMEND THE LEGALISATION OF ABORTION IN QUEENSLAND

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing a submission because I **OPPOSE** the Abortion Law Reform (Women's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill 2016 and request that you **DO NOT recommend the Legalisation of Abortion in Queensland.**

Every life is worth living. It is important that the lives of unborn babies are not sacrificed under the title of "Women's Right to Choose". A baby might not be "convenient" but if a woman is given other options (such as adoption) it can be for the duration of the pregnancy. While women might find themselves in situations where they have an unplanned pregnancy we need to face the truth about the life of the unborn child. Let's take an honest look at what science can plainly show us in regards to the unborn child. Just because the child is not yet born, he/she is still very much alive and needs to be given a voice and be protected. It is well documented and proven that babies feel pain beyond any shadow of a doubt from as young as 20 weeks but I am sure it is actually well before this.

I urge you to please watch this information by Dr Anthony Levantino who shares the actual abortion process at the various stages. It also reveals the risks involved for women. You can find further information at AbortionProcedures.com.



[REDACTED] necessary to save a woman's life. In response to this argument please listen to this [A Conversation with a Former Abortionist: Is abortion ever medically necessary?](#) [REDACTED] Dr Anthony Levantino worked in a hospital specially for high risk pregnancies and he saved hundreds of women from life threatening pregnancies by delivering these ladies of their babies, NOT through aborting them. The vast majority of life threatening situations in pregnancies do not arise until 24, 25, 26 & higher weeks of pregnancy when the babies can often survive outside the womb with proper care. Late term abortions take days to prepare the cervix so that it is large enough to dismember the baby so if an abortion was used to 'save the woman's life' she would in fact be dead and would not survive. In Dr Levantino's experience of well over a decade, he NEVER had to kill a baby to save a mother's life.

In addition, many babies are born very early and with modern technology they are cared for and live normal healthy happy lives because they are in the "wanted baby category". Pre-born babies are human beings with intrinsic worth, dignity and value. At 20 days old the baby's heart is beating. Yet there are babies even now in Queensland that are born alive from a failed abortion that are left to die because they were "unwanted". However mothers who have a living baby and then subsequently kill the baby (eg by suffocation or dumping) are prosecuted and imprisoned. Women who find themselves with an

unplanned pregnancy need to be given REAL options and support. Why don't we introduce Baby Boxes and Safe Haven Laws into Australia so that mothers can safely hand over their baby without fear of being prosecuted. [REDACTED]

Women who find themselves in difficult situations with an unplanned pregnancy need to be given the support and the options they need so actually have a choice and are not persuaded to believe the lie that abortion is "their ONLY option and will solve all their problems". We need to be seeking ways and establishing means for these women to give their babies life.

The adoption process needs to be changed so that it is easier for women who are in difficult situations to have real options that doesn't involve the killing of their baby. There are so many couples who for whatever reason are unable to have their own children. Often these couples remain childless because the adoption process is so long, involved and stringent that it is daunting for couples to even go down that path and even if they do, there is an exceedingly long waiting period and no guarantees at the end.

We need to provide support networks and counseling for both men and women giving them tools to have strong, healthy and happy families and provide them with the parenting & financial budgeting skills they need to raise a family.

Millions of women's lives have been shattered into thousand's of pieces through the abortion process, not to mention the babies who have been killed and the father's, grandparents, siblings etc that are also affected. Inevitably the vast majority of women at some point suffer from major depression, anxiety, regret, guilt & shame as a result of having an abortion. These women often suffer privately being to embarrassed and ashamed to talk about it and many suicides or attempts stem from the decision to abort. Often women have been told that abortion is the quick and easy fix and will solve all their problems only to discover that now they are in a much worse condition then before. Often women are pushed into an abortion by husbands, parents, grandparents, boy friends, friends or by their own fears and lack of support and knowledge. How many cases of child abuse, rape and incest are covered up by forcing these young teenage girls to have abortions. Abortion poses a large number of risks to a women's immediate physical health and their ability to have future children. In addition to the many physiological affects. Further details can be found at this website [REDACTED]

Due to the fact that ABORTION POSES A LONG-TERM RISK TO WOMEN we urge you to oppose the Abortion Law Reform (Women's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill 2016 and to request that you **DO NOT recommend the Legalisation of Abortion in Queensland.**

Once again I urge you to ensure **that Queensland DOES NOT** make it legal to kill babies still in their mother's wombs. I believe more needs to be done to protect the lives of the unborn babies and protect the health of women. The killing of a baby does nothing to promote a women's health but puts them in a predicament where the decision is irreversible.

Yours Sincerely,

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