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Dear Sir/Madam

I want to make it known that I am against the taking of human life through abortion. These babies have no voice of their own, and are defenseless in the action taken against them. In a throw away society we need to be careful that unborn children aren't considered as rubbish.....things we throw away. All human life is precious and needs to be dealt with as such. The pregnant mother should be supported and counselled to help her make the right choice.....She needs to be told the options, and shown what abortion will do to the her unborn baby

The galaxy opinion poll found :

- The majority of Queenslanders (53%) either want the law to stay as it is, or are in favour of making it stricter - with 39% of voters wanting it be less restrictive.
- 85% are opposed to abortion after 20 weeks, with only 6% in favour. It is important to note that Rob Pyne's extreme position is supported by only 6% of Queenslanders.

I am not sure who Rob Pyne is representing, but he doesn't seem to have the support of the Queensland people.....a support of only 6% doesn't justify in changing the law. There is clearly no consensus to change to the law, except that Queenslanders overwhelmingly want safeguards introduced to protect women. 94%, almost everyone, believes that a woman should receive free independent counselling and information so she can make a fully informed decision. 87% of Queensland voters want a cooling-off period of several days between making an appointment for the abortion and the actual operation. And 75% want parental consent requirements for girls under 16. 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 last question in the poll may give pro-abortion MPs some reason to reconsider. **When asked "if your local member of parliament voted in favour of decriminalising abortion, would this influence the way you vote at the next state election?", 47% of Queenslanders said it wouldn't influence the way they vote.** However, 24% said they would be less likely to vote for their MP if he or she voted to decriminalise abortion, while 18% said they would be more likely to vote for their MP in that case. This means that MPs who vote for decriminalisation of abortion will face an average potential swing of 6% against them at the next election. **ABORTION IS NOT A VOTE WINNER.**

This means that members of parliament who may vote to decriminalise abortion in the event of a private member's bill being debated would face an average potential swing of 6% against them at the next election.

It seems that if this was an election policy, the party pushing it could be looking down the barrel of defeat..

Clair

Major Clair Smith

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