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Dear committee of inquiry

As a Queenslanders I am very much concerned for the future direction of our state. I call on you to stand against Rob Pyne's Abortion Law Reform Amendment Bill 2016. This bill aims to decriminalise abortion in Queensland and leave preborn babies with absolutely no legal protection until after they are born and puts in no safeguards.

It is particularly disturbing that the bill allows for abortion by any method and for any reason right up until the time of birth. It has been established that unborn babies can feel pain from at least 20 weeks gestation, and some studies have concluded that unborn babies experience pain as early as eight to ten weeks after conception. (<http://www.lifenews.com/2013/05/23/expert-tells-congress-unborn-babies-can-feel-pain-starting-at-8-weeks/>).

Yet if this bill is passed, babies could be dismembered whilst still alive right up until birth. And when abortion is decriminalised, late-term abortion rates soar: <http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/aborted-babies-being-left-to-die-20101006-167u0.html>

At least the rest of the world is beginning to wake up to these horrors that are being committed. Twelve US states to-date currently ban abortion after 20 weeks on the grounds that babies can feel pain. We should give this same protection to all Queensland babies, but at the very least we pray you will oppose this bill and prevent many more babies in Queensland from dying an extremely painful and traumatic death.

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