

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Abortion Bill](#)
Subject: Re: Health (Abortion Law Reform) Amendment Bill 2016
Date: Saturday, 10 September 2016 1:39:58 PM

Whilst Mr Pyne's latest bill is an improvement upon the previous one, it is still unacceptable.

Abortion is not a decision that most women make lightly. Women who believe that an abortion is the best way forward need our support, care and practical solutions. However, it is unethical that the killing of a baby be one of those solutions.

How can we, as citizens of the Smart State, justify abortions when we know that a child's heart begins beating at 5 weeks, it can feel pain by 20 weeks and at 21 weeks can survive outside the womb, with medical assistance? And why the discrepancy that it is a criminal offence if a baby dies from the result of a physical assault on a pregnant woman, but not if it is the result of an abortion? Surely death is death as far as the baby is concerned. If the only difference is whether the mother wants the baby, will we one day be allowing parents to kill their already-born offspring just because they no longer want them?

Let's find a way to support women experiencing an unwanted pregnancy, without destroying the lives of innocent children in the process.

Samantha Bryan