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To: [Abortion Bill](#)
Subject: Preborn babies in Queensland deserve your protection
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Dear committee members,

I call on the committee to oppose Rob Pyne's wicked Health (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 birth.

I am particularly disturbed that this bill allows for abortion by any method and for any reason right up until the time of birth, because it has been established that unborn babies 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. (See Footnote 1)

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: (See Footnote 2)

Furthermore, this bill gives doctors and nurses no peace of mind that they can't be compelled by their employers to partake in these gruesome procedures. It is true that the bill states that 'A person is entitled to refuse to assist in performing an abortion.' But then it effectively takes this right away in the very next paragraph by saying that an 'emergency' can be called and doctors and nurses compelled to kill the baby 'if the abortion is necessary to save the life of, or to prevent a serious physical injury to, the woman.' The committee should ask who makes the judgement whether an abortion is 'necessary' and whether a determination that the woman may kill or harm herself is sufficient to trigger this clause. If this is so, which the text of the bill leaves open, then medical staff could be forced to inflict great pain upon and kill babies by abortion, simply for psycho-social reasons.

I submit the following Soundcloud Interview (see Footnote 3) to shine a light on the direction our community may find themselves going, if we don't make a conscious effort to protect the standards of "The Sanctity of Life" in our society.

The specific interview is from the 10min mark to the 30min mark.
Here a USA Congress Woman, Marsha Blackburn, is on the Investigation Committee to investigate the Marketing of baby body parts gained from Abortions is interviewed.

Queensland laws should ensure that we do not go anywhere near this horrendous industry here in our State. Each break down of the laws, away from "protecting life" reduces protection for the most vulnerable. The vulnerable being:

First the baby who needs protection,
Secondly the mother who needs protection from committing an irreversible offence. Consider that for every child conceived, there is a set of parents, 2 sets of Grandparents and any number of aunts, uncles and cousins. So when a child is aborted there is a whole family affected.
Finally the Doctors themselves need protection, protection by a strong "Life" affirming law. Doctors, like anyone else, can be tempted to commit any number of offences for any number of reasons.

The Abortion law is currently there to protect the "Sanctity of Life." as so many are vulnerable to commit an irreversible decision against "life" itself.

I pray that at the very least the committee will recommend that MPs reject this bill to change the current law, and so prevent many more babies in Queensland dying an extremely painful and traumatic death. But I also ask that you go further and recommend instead that all preborn babies in Queensland are given legal protection against the abortionist's scalpel.

Yours faithfully,

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Footnotes to the Health Committee.

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Footnote 2 [REDACTED]

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