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To: [Abortion Bill](#)
Subject: Please oppose Rob Pyne's evil Health (Abortion Law Reform Amendment) Bill
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Dear members of the committee of enquiry,

We urge the committee to actively recommend against Rob Pyne's Health (Abortion Law Reform Amendment) Bill 2016. This evil bill aims to make it even easier to kill defenceless preborn babies in Queensland by decriminalising abortion until birth and gags citizens from speaking out.

Section 24 of the bill, for example, makes it illegal for any person to engage in 'a protest, by any means, during the protected period for the facility relating to the performance of abortions in the facility.' This is outrageous, seriously infringing upon fundamental freedoms enjoyed by all Queenslanders: to peacefully protest, to lawfully occupy a public space, to assemble and to speak to others.

It is clear that the intention of this bill is not only to decriminalise abortion but also to criminalise abortion dissent.

Other states have shown what happens when there is no protection for and no value afforded to human life. In Victoria, sex-selection abortions are now easily procured with the following article, for example, giving an account of the killing of two healthy twin boys simply because the mother wanted a daughter instead (<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/parents-want-right-to-choose-their-childs-gender/story-e6frf7jo-1225983877669>). Similarly, Dr Mark Hobart, a Melbourne GP, has also brought to light the case of another couple who came to him: (<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/victoria/melbourne-doctors-abortion-stance-may-be-punished/story-e6frf7kx-1226631128438>). He refused their request for a sex-selection abortion, of course, but the couple found it all too easy to go on and find another doctor who would refer them to an abortionist because there is simply no legal protection for unborn babies in Victoria and protest or even presence outside abortion facilities is now illegal, exactly the scenario this bill proposes for Queensland.

We hope the committee agrees that these children should have been protected. Please reflect this in your report to parliament and impress upon MPs their moral obligation to protect the most vulnerable members of society – those who cannot otherwise defend themselves.

Yours sincerely,

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