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To: [Abortion Bill](#)
Subject: The committee should recommend streamlining adoption, not abortion
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Dear committee of inquiry,

We ask the committee to recommend MPs oppose Rob Pyne's Health (Abortion Law Reform Amendment) Bill 2016 for the sake of the many more unborn babies who will be killed if this bill was ever to pass.

Please don't think that the requirement for two doctors to agree to abort a baby over 24 weeks will give any meaningful protection. In practice, these doctors will simply be two abortionists working in the same clinic, or two abortionists in neighbouring clinics who agree to 'rubber stamp' each other's decisions. And because each doctor needs only to 'reasonably believe the continuation of the woman's pregnancy would involve greater risk of injury to the physical or mental health of the woman than if the pregnancy were terminated,' and that failure to abide by this clause is not even an offence, then it is abundantly clear that this requirement is worthless as a safeguard.

But we don't wish simply to dwell on this atrocious bill in our submission. We also urge the committee to make positive recommendations, such that MPs should instead devote their energies to making adoption easier in Queensland. There are thousands of Queensland couples who are desperate for a child and who would be overjoyed to adopt one who would otherwise be aborted. But the current adoption process is so harrowing and drawn out that very few adoptions take place, and many couples even resort to adopting children from overseas. Why can't we encourage viable babies to be brought to full-term here so they can be adopted out to loving parents in Queensland or elsewhere in Australia?

Instead of this horrendous bill to kill unborn babies even in the first and second trimesters with no real restrictions, we ask for your report to encourage MPs to support legislation to promote and streamline adoption instead.

Yours sincerely,

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