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Prevention Committee
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Dear members of the committee,

My husband and I have been involved in the pro-life movement for over thirty years now. We have prayed for the women and their babies outside an abortion clinic in our area i.e. Caboolture for ten years until it finally closed down. I often saw fear and anxiety on the girls' faces after often long discussions with their boyfriends, partners or mothers before entering the facility.

The strong impression was, THEY DIDN'T WANT THE ABORTION, but felt they had no other choice. There was no-one there to offer an alternative. The pressure was on them to abort their baby and were told all their problems would be resolved. They would get on with their life and soon forget all about it. No-one would know, they would go back to work and continue as before.

One young couple we saw, entered the clinic. Soon after the partner walked out and we beckoned him to talk to us. We talked for a few minutes and told him there were other alternatives to abortion. He decided very quickly to go back inside and convinced his girlfriend not to proceed with the abortion. He told us it was easy to persuade her to come as she hadn't really wanted to go through with it. My husband and I invited them back to our house for a cup of tea and chat. They were so relieved and happy. They said they didn't want to abort their child but felt they had no other choice.

They had not heard of the many support networks available to them.

One which I am involved in is PCI (Pregnancy Crisis Incorporated) which is a non-profitable charitable organization which provides support workers to walk alongside the girl during the whole of her pregnancy and up to 6 months after the birth of her baby. Besides these many support groups, there should be a protocol put in place providing information if she decides not to keep her baby such as adoption, legal guardianship, family care, foster care and parenting.

There are many choices but the girls are not informed of them. Also it should be mandatory to offer ultra-sounds. In Germany 80% of ladies decided not to proceed with the abortion after seeing their babies, alive and thriving inside the womb through the

Health (Abortion Law Reform) Amendment Bill 2016 Received 20 September 2017 means of ultra-sound – not just a bunch of cells as often is purported by the abortionists themselves.

What is appalling is the abortionists tell the girls there are no ill effects whatsoever postabortion when studies have clearly shown the myriad of devastating effects experienced by these hapless girls. Many wonder why they suffer depression and feelings of guilt afterwards and sometimes suicidal thoughts. For these girls they feel there is no-one to turn to who would understand.

There have been countless testimonies from women who have had abortions, trying to educate young women not to go down the same road as they with all its agonizing effects, tormented by every detail of the day their baby was no more.

Often the reasons the girls are desperate enough to kill their own babies is an economic one. The husband and wife, or partner and girlfriend need two incomes to pay the mortgage etc and there is no alternative but to terminate the pregnancy so the young lady can still continue in the workforce. Something should be done about that.

The DVD "Hush" which has been given to every MP is a documentary on the resultant health risks to women after they've had an abortion. These risks have been thoroughly investigated and prove scientifically beyond a doubt that breast cancer is a definite link to abortion and also the percentage of pre-term babies has skyrocketed since abortion was made legal in the 70's. On the documentary it gives sound scientific evidence why this is so. This DVD is a must for every MP to watch and be educated on the very real and disastrous health risks to women if they choose to have an abortion.

We do not want to see the same law being passed in Queensland as has been in Victoria where doctors are forced to perform abortions against their conscience right up to full term with no pain relief provided for the baby. This is nothing short of barbarism.

The safest place in the world for a baby should be in its mother's womb. Now it is the most unsafe. Talk about choice. Babies have no choice. That's why we must speak up for them. It's the silent scream that no-one hears or sees. We must stop the slaughter of the innocents and protect the mothers from the risk of breast cancer, and the many emotional and psychological effects that women experience — it may be not immediately but as women learn more about abortion they grieve for their baby they never saw. Some women are suicidal.

It's an irony that as a Child Protection bil is being discussed in parliament we also have an abortion bill being discussed which would legalise abortio right up to full-term of pregnancy.

I pray and hope and plead to you, our politicians, that you will follow your conscience and vote for the protection of our most vulnerable members of society, the unborn who have no voice but ours to defend them.

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Yours truly

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