

To the Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee

As you come to deliberate on this crucial legislation, I would like to bring to your attention the voices of some of those better qualified than myself to speak on the true nature of abortion.

Dr Bernard Nathanson: was a founder in 1968 of what is now called 'NARAL Pro-Choice America' in the United States and oversaw the world's largest abortion clinic. The explosion of fetology, with the advent of ultrasound imaging and other dazzling technologies in the 1970s, changed his mind forever. Now convinced that the unborn child is another member of the human family just like any of us, he stopped performing abortions and devoted himself to speak against the practice.

We fed the public a line of deceit, dishonesty, a fabrication of statistics and figures. We succeeded because the time was right and the news media cooperated. We sensationalized the effects of illegal abortions, and fabricated polls which indicated that 85 percent of the public favored unrestricted abortion, when we knew it was only 5 percent. We unashamedly lied, and yet our statements were quoted [by the media] as though they had been written in lawⁱ

Quote from Julia Duin on the conversion of Dr Nathanson:

the doctor realized his despondency had to do with just that, a worthy consideration in that, in his time, he had presided over 75,000 abortions and had helped sculpt the landscape from whence emerged Roe v. Wade in 1973.ⁱⁱ

Norma McCorvey, in 1970, under the pseudonym "Jane Roe," filed a law suit challenging the Texas laws that criminalized abortion. The case eventually reached the U.S. Supreme Court as the now famous *Roe v. Wade*. This case legalised abortion in the United States. Norma now speaks of this case as 'the biggest mistake of my life'.

I think it's safe to say that the entire abortion industry is based on a lie.... I am dedicated to spending the rest of my life undoing the law that bears my name,ⁱⁱⁱ

In **Silent Scream**, the famous film by Dr Nathanson, readily available on YouTube: NARAL, Planned Parenthood and similar organisations are accused of a consistent conspiracy of silence in keeping women in the dark with respect to the true nature of abortion. He says that women are the second victim - speaking of perforated and infected wombs, sterilisation and castration . . . He challenges abortion providers to show *Silent Scream* or similar to women before they make their choice. He speaks of 'scientific and even worse ethical impoverishment . . . better solution than resort to violence . . . love and compassion and a decent regard for the overriding priority of human life . . . stop the killing'.

In the same film, Dr Nathanson also mentions growing evidence of the involvement of criminal elements in the operation of abortion 'clinics' – one would be naïve to think that Australia would be exempt from such involvement

If those who are the foundation stones of the pro-choice lobby (now throughout the world) have rejected their former stance - I can only implore you to be guided by your conscience, rather than by the immoral demands of one of the most lucrative business interests in the world today.

Recommendation: Please do not vote in favour of any change to our current Qld legislation relating to abortion.

Yours sincerely

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ⁱ Dr Bernard Nathanson quoted on: <http://www.azquotes.com/quote/678081>

ⁱⁱ Julia Duin quoted from <http://www.ewtn.com/library/prolife/bernconv.txt>

ⁱⁱⁱ Norma McCovey quoted on: <http://www.azquotes.com/quote/773046>