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To: [Abortion Bill](#)
Subject: opposition to MP Rob Pyne"s second attempt to weaken Queensland"s abortion laws with the Health (Abortion Law Reform) Amendment Bill 2016
Date: Monday, 26 September 2016 10:26:08 AM

Dear Health Committee, It is with some degree of urgency that I type of my concern about an upcoming bill that is tabled to be addressed in parliament. Mr Pyne is tabling yet another bill on abortion legislation. He has already submitted previous bills which have not been completely considered and this new one is a clear strategy to truncate the processes and consideration of both. Proper due consideration and debate needs to be followed for both bills separately in line with the long established principles of Qld Government parliamentary processes.

The root of my concern though about this policy is that it is set to remove all restrictions from abortion, restrictions that manage the reasons surrounding, that govern at what point one may occur and in what circumstances as well as paving the way for abortions in the future that can hinge on genetic, gender, ethical and other matters.

At the last election, both sides of parliament ALP and LNP made commitments not to change abortion law, and yet now there is consideration of changes occurring without even consulting the public. This is in spite of significant surveys and studies detailing that the general public are satisfied with the current laws and are uncomfortable with the possibility of what could be called open slather abortion as you wish.

Human life is precious and everyone has a right to protect the sanctity of human life. The unborn and young are unique in that they do not have a voice that they can independently stand up for themselves, thus we are impelled to stand in the gap and be their voice. Scientific evidence, ultra sounds and so on have comprehensively detailed the aliveness of a baby in the womb from the time of conception. Regardless of the surrounding circumstances of the mother's choices, the fact is that a young life is being terminated when every abortion occurs. This bill is even placing on the table that these little lives can even be terminated right up to near birth. If you have ever read or viewed vision of the methods used for abortion, particularly late term ones, you would be sickened, horrified and appalled. If such methods were used on infants outside the womb, it would be classed as torturous murder and public outrage would occur. Yet considering there is only a distance of 30-50 cm's between being in the womb and out of the womb, it is staggering to suggest that that is all that is required to make those actions legal to terminate, no kill a human life. Killing is killing isn't it, especially when we are seeing legal cases where people are being charged and convicted with not just harming and killing the mother but also the unborn inside of her. Why does the law recognize the life inside of the mother at that point but act to enable the termination of that life at another point?

Considering the information gained from below sources, table 1 shows there are more lifestyle choices being made for abortion than truly medical endangerment. Greater support needs to be offered for mums and their babies. Table 2 shows when most abortions are occurring at what stages of pregnancy. Table 3 details a list of methods that are used for abortions which as stated earlier are the stuff of nightmares and mass revulsion if used elsewhere.

In conclusion, I ask you to act on the behalf of not just Qld voters who do not want changes but more importantly the unborn. We all were once unborn infants at one stage and I am so thankful my parents carried me to full term as I am sure you would be.

Please I implore you to act against this bill of Mr Pyne.

Thank you for your time in reading this detailed email,
Cheers,
Todd Parkes

Table 1 South Australian Abortion Reporting Committee, Eighth Annual Report – For 2010, Table 3a, p6

Table 1: Reasons given for abortions, South Australia, 2010:

Reason given for abortion	Number	Percentage
Specified medical condition	23	0.5

Serious handicap of foetus	160	3.2
Mental health of woman	4,860	96.3
Pre-existing psychiatric disorder	4	0.1
Sexual Assault (eg rape or incest)	1	0.0
Total	5,048	100%

Table 2 Number of abortions by gestation (LMP) in SA 2006: Information supplied by SA Health Department 2006- feel free to google this one it is a long list

Table 3 South Australian Abortion Reporting Committee, Eighth Annual Report – For 2010, Table 9a, p9

Table 3: Method of abortion, South Australia, 2010- feel free to google and view the details of what these methods involve

Method	Number	Per cent
Dilatation and curettage	168	3.3
Hysterotomy-abdominal	1	0.0
Hysterectomy	1	0.0
Vacuum aspiration	3,710	73.5
Vaginal prostaglandin	60	1.2
Dilatation and evacuation	418	8.3
Oral or vaginal Misoprostol	21	0.4
Methotrexate +/- prostaglandin	0	0.0
Mifepristone +/- Misoprostol	668	13.2
Other	1	0.0
Total	5,048	100.0
