## Health (Abortion Law Reform) Amendment Bill 2016

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To: Abortion Bill

**Subject:** Submission on Rob Pyne"s second bill to legalise abortion.

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## To members of the Review Committee

I wish to make a submission that the second private members Bill proposed by Member for Cairns, Rob Pyne, be rejected.

## My reasons are:

- > there is no provision for mandatory independent counselling for the expectant mother.
- > For pregnant mothers under the age of sixteen, parental consent must be a requirement. This Bill is silent on this issue.
- > the requirement for two doctors to approve an abortion at 24 weeks or later needs more work. At present the two doctors could work for an abortion clinic, there is no penalty if this rule is broken, and the second doctor does not even need to see the expectant mother or consult her file.
- > After 24 weeks of pregnancy there is no situation that requires the killing of the unborn child to save the mother's life. An early delivery by caesarean section is a much better option with two lives being saved.
- > as a society we must realise that abortion is the killing of our unborn future citizens. If this happened outside of the womb charges of murder would be laid against those responsible. That medical professionals make a profit out of killing the defenceless unborn goes directly in violation of the Hipocratic oath taken by the profession to protect life. The Bill makes it an offence to make even a silent protest about this if you are within a ' protected area ' of 50 metres from an abortion clinic. This is a violation of democracy and freedom of speech. It is ironic that the law will protect those doing the killing but not those who try to stop it.

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