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Subject:

Abortion Bill
Letter to Committee

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Dear Sirs,

I am writing to you as a Queenslander to state in the strongest possible terms my opposition to the abortion law reform proposed by MP Rob Pyne.

His bill is focused on a women's choice. Totally wrong. Any bill such as this has to baby/foetus centric, not woman centric. After all, it's the foetus being terminated not the woman.

What is the logical difference between a foetus being terminated at 24 weeks and a baby being born at 24 weeks and being killed? The latter is murder and yet this bill allows exactly the same issue to occur within a woman. This logically is legislated murder and clearly not something which occurs in civilised society.

This bill doesn't state any gestation period and therefore theoretically includes a foetus of 40 weeks. This is totally wrong. As stated below are Queensland Health own statistics on live births during all terminations. This is likely to increase given the fact babies survive at 24 weeks in neonatal units under the proposed Bill. What Rob doesn't address is what happens to these people (yes, they're people after their first breath) once they're born. Do we Queenslanders (or Australians) wish to be known as a caring society? I think so. Leaving people to die isn't caring at all. It's barbaric. I'm glad these live terminations are being investigated by the State Coroner.

Calendar year	Terminations with live birth outcome
2005	8
2006	16
2007	20
2008	15
2009	13
2010	17
2011	20
2012	20
2013	23
2014	25
2015	27

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Lastly, Rob doesn't represent the majority of people at all. His view that he does is The silent majority of people are totally opposed to such barbaric acts he is proposing. Many many women for years after a termination have psychological trauma.

I am totally against this Bill and as my current public servant, Rob isn't representing my views at all.

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Sent from my iPad