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To: Abortion Bill
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Dear Committee Members,

I write to ask for you to reject the second of Mr Pyne's disastrous and ill-thought-out abortion bills. I am strongly opposed to it on the following grounds:

- -The majority of Queenslanders are overwhelmingly against abortion up until the day of birth as Mr Pyne's bill proposes. Queenslanders are against it because it's barbaric and cruel to kill a human being so fully formed and ready to live with only the location of the baby the difference between being able to be killed and being considered a human with full consequences of murder if the his/her life is taken (ie. in the womb and then out of it).
- -There are major risks associated with abortion that haven't been investigated properly. Obviously, abortion is lethal for human babies, but it's also devastating for women not all women, admittedly but enough of post-abortive mothers to be concerned about mental health and physical well-being after the procedure.
- -There are preventative factors that a pregnant woman misses out on for breast cancer if her pregnancy doesn't proceed past a certain point in the late second or early third trimester. Dr Angela Lanfranchi has done excellent work on this.
- -It's clear from testimonies of broken post-abortive women that the abortion industry doesn't care about providing details of the risks of abortion or offering real support. They're clearly more interested in making money and just getting the abortion done, which seems compassionate at the time. But really, they're taking advantage of women who are mostly traumatised, vulnerable and emotional and in a large number of cases later regret their decision to abort their baby.

I believe we can do better for our women than simply killing their baby. Abortion creates more problems than it solves in the overwhelming majority of cases and we need to start listening to the testimonies of post-abortive women rather than listening to abortion advocates who are simply pushing a dangerous ideological agenda.

Thank you for the time and consideration you're putting into this difficult and emotive issue. Thank you for allowing ordinary Queenslanders to have a say about abortion - I really do appreciate it.

Your sincerely,

Julie Lawson