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To whom it may concern

I wish to express my utmost dismay at the proposed change in abortion laws.

While I understand the desperate situation of many women who find themselves frightened and in despair when faced with an unplanned pregnancy, I also fully maintain that the right to life of the baby needs to be fought for. I appreciate that there are safeguards in place for the women of Queensland that helps them consider the magnitude of the decision and to make sure they are fully informed of ALL their options, including the guarantee of full support should they choose to proceed with the pregnancy.

It is all too easy for abortion to become a “convenience” option or even a money making venture – and this goes against every fibre of my being as a woman.

In my adult life experience (I am 44) I have walked alongside about 5 women who carry the burden of shame and guilt about past abortions and intentionally sought inner healing through counselling. Some women say they have no guilt from abortions, but I ask you, as a mother of 4, my protective instincts towards my children are amongst my most fiercest passions - how can a woman go against nature and kill her own child without some sort of negative effect on her? I seriously doubt it can occur. To say that there are no significant long term effects on women’s mental health from abortion (as voiced by Rob Pyne at the parliamentary hearing last week) is an absolute lie. I know some of these women who have struggled for years.

My heart also aches for those who are unable to fall pregnant. And I feel deeply frustrated that adoption laws are so tightly regulated. I have two cousins and 3 family friends who were all adopted in the late 1960’s/70’s – and what blessings they are to their parents and extended families. I would hope that adoption laws can be changed to make it easier, and that more people would choose to adopt out their babies rather than abort them.

Lastly, abortions for late term pregnancy make me shudder in revulsion. These precious little beings, almost fully developed, being cruelly dismembered, is an unspeakable horror. I cannot even believe that someone who pushes for these laws be passed can sleep at night. It is beyond my comprehension.

Thank you for considering my opinion

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