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Inquiry Secretary
Health, Communities, Disabilities Services and Domestic and
Family Violence Prevention Committee,
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000. Submission Part A

I submit that 'safe zones' around the places where abortions are performed are a direct affront against our freedoms of ~~speech~~ speech, at the expense of women and their children. Women deserve to be informed gently and lovingly about other options, rather than end up the lives of their unborn children, and often they have no other way of being told than a person who cares enough to make the time available to engage with them at what is no doubt a very traumatic time of their life.

Exclusion Zones will cost lives.

2. So many times there is co-ercion involved in abortions. This is not good for women, and fatal for their children. Women deserve better than to be shown an abortion clinic and told to get on with their lives. So very often they can not and do not. 😞 they suffer in many ways. They need to be encouraged and INFORMED of their

other choices than to end their child's life. These include adoption, legal guardianship, parenting support or kinship care. They need a fully informed choice for their child.

3) Abortion is dangerous - in so many ways for the woman. She deserves fully informed consent. The exclusion zone will cause a lack of information or punitive results for those who choose to break the rules because of the seriousness of the harm to the mother, and the death threat to the baby! This is wrong! People deserve information!

Freedom of Speech + Information is
Very Very Important

4) The changes to the bill are badly worded. "A young woman can procure her own abortion" has the potential for coat hangers in bathrooms and major damage to the woman. And RU486 is very dangerous anyway! There have been horror stories of RU486 abortions!!

5) ~~The~~ The conscientious objection clause will not protect medical professionals

Who choose not to be involved in abortion.
They will face discrimination in their workplace
and discrimination when seeking new positions,
and when seeking promotions. What redress will
there be for such professionals? What protection?

As my final point for Part A of my submission,
I believe there needs to be far more research
into the harm to women of abortion. At present
abortion is presented as a quick fix to a difficult situation.
I highly recommend Melinda Tarkenton

Reast's Book "Giving Sorrow Words."

The stories of women harmed by abortion are truly
heartwrenching, and tearjerking - Incredible pain
is revealed in those pages. The book came
about from source data collected from women
who answered a 1 inch square add in the
'Cosmopolitan' magazine - 100's of women replied
to Melinda's "have you been hurt by abortion."
She analysed the stories, & told in depth about
20 of them. ~~Q~~ When you read it, have a box
of tissues handy.

I submit that the Old Parliament should
make no change to the current situation ^{At this time!}
No-one has been prosecuted in the more than 100
years! The Health Bill ~~a~~ needs to consider the
women's health rather than allow procedures
which will further damage women. Why would we
want more damage? Make abortion RARE.
sincerely, Mrs Sharon Hall P.D. for details
24/2/2016