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Inquiry Secretary  
Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and  
Family Violence Prevention Committee.  
Parliament House  
George St.  
Brisbane Q4000.

Dear Inquiry Secretary

I present the following submission concerning  
Robert Pyne's Health (Abortion Law Reform) Amendment Bill 2016:

Abortion is the murder of an innocent child. This should be recognised as a serious crime. The fact that there are 10,000 abortions performed ~~in~~ each year in Queensland indicates that even the present laws are being violated where abortions are only supposed to be allowed in cases where the mother's health is seriously at risk. The role of Government legislation should be to reduce the number of abortions to the lowest possible level.

This bill — allowing abortion up to 24 weeks for any reason and up to birth if two doctors claim that continuing the pregnancy would involve greater risk to the health of the woman than abortion — is going in the opposite direction. It seeks to increase the number of abortions rather than decrease them.



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The very idea that any abortion can contribute in any way to the mother's health is seriously flawed. The greater majority of women who have abortions suffer serious psychological trauma from the abortion. There is a significant increase for women in these situations to suffer substance abuse, alcohol abuse and suicidal tendencies as a result of having had an abortion. So, not only is abortion the cause of murdering an innocent child, but it also does significant health damage to the mother. Good legislation will limit as far as possible the number of abortions.

Another serious violation of the rights of every child to be born and to help the mother avoid both killing her child and avoiding the trauma of having the abortion is the bill having a 50 m prohibited area around places where abortions are done. People who attempt to convince women not to go ahead with their abortion are providing the greatest opportunity to save the life of a child and maintain the health of the mother. These people do not use any form of force or violence to influence these mothers. Many mothers in this situation are looking desperately for an impelling reason to preserve the life of their baby when boy friends and family are unfairly pressurising the mother to kill her baby. So many young people live normal productive lives because their mother was convinced by someone to carry the baby to birth at the last minute outside an abortion facility. There should never be any penalty for this brave and great help that people can offer to women



before they ~~mak~~ make a mistake they will regret for the rest of their lives.

I ask this committee to abandon this abortion bill as it can only contribute to increasing the number of abortions in Queensland. This will mean increasing the number of innocent children murdered and increase the number of women having serious health problems because of their abortions.  
GOOD LEGISLATION SAVES LIVES AND DOES NOT DESTROY THEM.

Yours sincerely,

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P.S. People with disabilities are the most ~~effectively~~ affected by abortion since it is a fact that doctors, will advise soon to be parents of a child with some form disability to do away with their child. I myself have a disability, when I was born doctors told my parents that I will never walk or talk, today I walk and talk. Abortion is the murder of the most innocent of the world the future of this Sunshine state, please don't <sup>let</sup> this bill tamper with the future of Queensland.  
May God bless your decision  
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