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Dear Sir/ Madam,

The present proposed private members bill appears to be trying to make direct abortion, the purposeful termination of an unborn human life, not only a right, but also the morally right thing to do in certain circumstances.

Given that 10000 abortions occur in Queensland every year already is there really any need for a change in the legislation?

The change in the legislation does not appear to serve any further purpose than to make what is morally wrong according to Jewish, Christian and Muslim belief systems appear to be morally right. So right that unimpeded access to abortion is more important than our rights in a Western democracy to free protest.

It would appear that this legislation is more intended to protect the rights of abortionists. For instance - if an abortionist performs an abortion on patient who is more than 24 weeks pregnant without another doctor stating it was necessary it is not an offence but "may" constitute behaviour for which action may be taken.

"A failure by a doctor to comply with this section does not constitute an offence but may constitute behaviour for which action may be taken under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Queensland), Part 8 or the *Health Ombudsman Act 2013*."

I would like to see more in the legislation to protect the rights of women who might be subject to coercion to seek abortions. I would want to see more requirement for independent counselling of women and access to alternative options other than abortion such as adoption. I have many patients who suffer infertility. I think it is a tragedy in Queensland that the Queensland adoption agency acts to actively dissuade these patients from trying to seek adoption in Queensland when so many abortions occur in this state each year.

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