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Re Mr Rob Pyne's determined efforts to change the abortion laws in Qld:

Dear Panel, I believe the current laws already provide clarity in the area of medical termination. I think it is very rare for an abortion to be needed on medical grounds after 24 weeks gestation. Wouldn't it be far more humane and appropriate to assist these pregnant women who are carrying a viable child, to carry him/her another few weeks and place the child for adoption? Counselling, accommodation, even financial help if they need it to carry the baby a bit longer? Maybe then, there would not be women presenting decades later with depression, anxiety and suicidal ideology all relating back to an abortion they wished they hadn't had.

No amount of legislation (that says she's not committing an offence) will change the knowledge that she procured an act that terminated the life of her child.

I also object to the concept of establishing "safe zones" around abortion clinics. It seems to me that the most unsafe place for a little Australian today is in it's mother's uterus.

Thank you for your consideration,
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