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Please do not allow this abortion law reform to become Law.

In addition to my last submission No. 1226 to the committees former inquiry, I would like to further submit my views in relation to this new Bill.

During our prayerful presence outside a Queensland abortion clinic for many years, there was never harassment, hindrance or intimidation in any way of mothers entering the clinic. We were there simply to silently pray and be available if mothers desired to communicate with us. Some mothers did seek our help and had a change of heart to keep their babies. A 'protected zone' is certainly not needed.

Secondly, writing as a former Midwife, it would be medically dangerous to allow a mother to abort her own baby as proposed in this new Bill.

I also fear if abortion is legalized the father of the baby will further pressure the mother to abort believing it must be ok if legal. Neither realizing the possible emotional and physical consequences of abortion.

The lives of many future Queenslanders depend on your decision.

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