

Health (Abortion Law Reform)
Amendment Bill 2016

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Inquiry Secretary,
Health, Communities, Disability Services and
Domestic Violence Prevention Committee,
Parliament House,
George Street,
Brisbane. Qld. 4000.

5th October, 2016
Mrs Leslev Hughes.

Dear Secretary,

My name is Leslev Hughes and up until the beginning of this year I was a Registered Nurse. I have now retired. I am strongly against this Amended Abortion Bill.

I was trained as a midwife although I have not worked in that area for many years. Nevertheless, I cannot imagine assisting with any abortion, let alone a full term or late term abortion. We were trained to preserve life, not destroy it. Each new infant delivery was a moment of joy and wonder.

I do recall though, a delivery that did not go well and the baby was born dead. The incident caused much pain and sadness to the staff as well as the family.

I just cannot imagine how any nurse could be involved in the wilful destruction of a baby's life, and I cannot support the stand of the QNU, of which I was a member until recently, on this Bill before the Queensland Parliament.

I have heard of the Psychological harm done to women, not to mention the physical trauma, by abortion. More recently still, I have been hearing men speaking out about the psychological harm it does to a father, who has been given no say in the decision to abort and who has not been able to provide for and protect his offspring. Three people are therefore wounded; the baby obviously killed, and the mother and father who carry the scars of what was done for the rest of their lives.

I am also concerned for the Doctors and Nurses who are opposed to abortion. What safeguards will they have if they refuse to commit to this procedure?

I would ask again that women be given every opportunity to consider all possible options open to them when they find themselves in an unplanned pregnancy. Therefore I question the rationale for a 50 metre exclusion zone around an abortion clinic.

I repeat that I am strongly opposed to this Amended Abortion Bill. I hope that the Committee will carefully consider all evidence when reviewing the Bill.

Yours faithfully,

Lesley Fae Hughes

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