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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am sending you this email to oppose the submission of the abortion bill by Senator Pyne.

Although it is presented as an improvement to the health standards, an abortion is NEVER a positive an improvement in health standards. It is always a destructive choice for the mother, the father and **the baby who is losing his/her life.**

Through the numerous witnesses of women who have experienced Post-abortion trauma, we perfectly know now that abortion affects the physical and mental health of the mother and the father. It kills a precious sibling, a grandchild, a nephew, a future priest or pastor, a future prime minister or nobel prize...

The Federal Government is trying to encourage families to stay together. Abortion destroys the harmony in a already-established family. It also leads the woman to make very poor life choices (uses of illicit substances, alcohol...) because of the post-abortion trauma.

Even if the bill mentions an objection of conscience, we clearly know that <u>the</u> <u>staff will be coerced</u> to be part of it because the other staff members will complain that this falls on them. Doctors and nurses are supposed to support life and promote health.

In the case of a disability or serious illness of the unborn baby, the best way is to <u>let nature run its course</u> without interfering. A child with a disability has the right to life and the right to live only a few hours or a few months or die in utero. <u>Hastening its death by aborting the child is a crime</u>.

Decriminalising abortion will not help women but will only put **more pressure on pregnant women** to have an abortion.

In the case of abortion post-24 weeks, the wide-used excuse to perform it will be the endangered mental health of the mother who has to carry to term a child who is unlikely to live long or would be seriously ill or handicapped. Instead of dealing with this kind of pregnancy with compassion and supporting her as she continues her pregnancy in peace knowing that she is allowing **her child to live and die naturally.**

This prevents any further guilt which will add to the paretns' grief because the death of their child was not timely. It was decided by a team of doctors.

How can we leave such decisions to a team of doctors whose consciences have been numb by years of aborting babies?

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Regarding the safe zone around abortion clinics, isn't this a way to prevent anyone to express their disapproval of abortion? Isn't this against the free expression of speech? Numerous babies have been saved because consciencious people have been praying next to abortion clinics and lives have been saved. Allowing a safe zone is clearly a display of high intolerance towards people disagreeing with their actions. And how dares Mr Pyne call it a safe zone when it is actually a 'pressure zone' in order that nothing prevents this evil act to take place?

It is very sad to see that the parliament is wasting so much time to deal with this issue whereas there is much more to be done in Queensland to support pregnant women with unwanted pregnancies, to support them with difficult pregancies and to offer more children to adoption than killing them.

I just pray and hope that your consciences won't be numb when voting because you are dealing with the future of the next generation of Queenslanders. What legacy are you leaving to Queensland? A legacy of death on demand? A country and a state which is not putting his most vulnerable citizens at the forefront of his concerns is letting his state and country down.

I thank you for taking the time to read my submission. Yours faithfully,

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