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Please accept my submission regarding the Health (Abortion Law Reform) Amendment Bill 2016.

I am in strong opposition to this Bill and would not like to see this Bill passed.

This Bill allows for abortion until birth for viable babies and removes protection for Queensland women and babies.


I definitely do not agree that an abortion should be allowed on a woman more than 24 weeks pregnant. This person of 24 weeks or more has a right to life and no other person should have the right to decide to terminate that life. This child of 24 weeks can hear, has taste buds, is active, has a heartbeat and such detail as fingernails on fingers. Just because this person is still so small, vulnerable and defenceless, it does not give anyone else the right to terminate that person's life. In fact it is BECAUSE this person is so vulnerable and defenceless that we should be advocating for and protecting this person's life. With care, babies born at this early stage can survive and many hospitals around the world do their utmost to assist babies who have been born this prematurely to survive.

This Bill is contradictory in that it states only a doctor may perform an abortion and yet a woman does not commit an offence by performing, consenting to or assisting in an abortion on herself.

A doctor should not have a duty to perform an abortion even if it is deemed necessary to save a woman's life or prevent serious physical injury. Once again, I would argue the rights of the child's life as being just as important as the woman's. This also puts the doctor who does not agree with abortion into a position of having to decide whether to act according to his/her ethical beliefs or to break the law. What a terrible dilemma for doctors to be placed in! I believe this Bill will make medical students think twice before becoming doctors and maybe even cause some to consider other fields that would not put them into such a situation.

This Bill would certainly not be to the benefit or advancement of the State of Queensland and should definitely not be passed.

Kind regards



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