

**Health (Abortion Law Reform)  
Amendment Bill 2016**

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To: The Committee of Health, Communities, Disabilities and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention

Address: Queensland Parliament House  
George Street  
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Re: Health (Abortion Law Reform) Bill 2016

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This submission is to let the Health Committee know that I am opposed to the Health (Abortion Law Reform) Bill 2016.

My reasons for opposing the Health Bill 2016 are as follows:

- (1) This Bill will legalize the crime of Murder, a crime which I will never support and a crime I hope that the Parliament of Queensland will never support.
- (2) This Bill will enable the Abortion of human life to become more frequent and more common rather than being the medical option or last resort when there is no other alternative to save the mother's life.
- (3) The Galaxy Poll 2016 revealed that in excess of 75 per cent of the population hold the view that human life commences at the time of conception and that Abortion performed other than as the last medical option to save a mother from death is wrong and immoral. I very strongly share this opinion.
- (4) Unfortunately Abortion is more and more being used as a quick fix for a number of social problems such as reducing the number of females in society. Refer to the reduced number of females in China and Japan as a result of Abortion. Abortion should instead only be used as a medical option to save the human life of the mother when there is no other option left.
- (5) Enabling easier Abortions in Queensland ignores the well known problems linked to this procedure which this Bill fails to address. Problems of both a physical and psychological nature suffered by Mother's, Father's, siblings and other family members.
- (6) The Bill fails to provide obvious assistance to mothers by failing to require for the provision of essential safeguards such as providing the necessary education about all the options available, the risks involved and all the side effects. Such education would best be provided by an independent medical Committee not benefiting financially from whatever decision is made.
- (7) The Bill's solution that 2 doctors must be involved in the decision making process is not a solution to the problem at all as these doctors could be employed by the commercial Abortion Centre and be more interested in advancing the financial well-being of the Abortion Centre.
- (8) The Galaxy Poll 2016 found that 85% of Queenslanders are opposed to late term Abortions past 20 weeks and 75% of Queenslanders are opposed to mid term Abortions past 13 weeks of pregnancy.
- (9) The requirement of the Bill establishing a 50 metre 'Safety Zone' around commercial Abortion Centres does not solve anything. Instead of assisting the mother to make a well informed decision the so called 'Safety Zone' is nothing more than a procedure to help strengthen the financial well-being of the commercial Abortion Centres by attempting to limit the amount of information being made available to the mother.

(10) It is true that the provision for the 'Safety Zone' appears in the Victorian and Tasmanian Abortion Legislation however its constitutional validity is being challenged in the High Court of Australia in 2017. It does not seem a correct procedure to include a doubtful provision in new Queensland legislation.

(11) This legislation is not in the best interests of advancing the best interests of women, men, children and families.

#### CONCLUSION

1. Easy Abortions create more problems than they create.
2. Abortion is a last term solution to solve a medical problem. It is not a quick fix solution to solve social problems.
3. Abortion is being used to control the shape of our future Society's.
4. The unborn children of today will be the community leaders of tomorrow. Abortion could be robbing future generations of a successful prime ministers, premiers and business leaders.
5. I call upon this committee to reject the Health (Abortion Law Reform) Bill 2016.  
I also call upon this committee to recommend to members of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland not to pass this Bill into Queensland Legislation.

Paul Barry