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To Rob Pyne MP,

I feel it is important to contribute to this conversation due to the implications this bill has for the individual as well as society. I have the utmost compassion for any woman or girl who is struggling with emotional, psychological or physical health issues due to pregnancy and/or child bearing. However, I have equal compassion for the precious life hidden in a wonderfully constructed nurturing space that used to be the safest place in the world but is now, unfortunately, the most dangerous.

It is incumbent upon the Government and individuals involved in ending the lives of these precious babies to be absolutely sure, with no doubt involved, that what is being removed from inside the woman's body is NOT a human being. If there is the slightest doubt about this, there exists at least the possibility of murder of an innocent human being.

It is useful to attempt to apply the arguments used to support the ending of the baby's life to that of a toddler. If the mother was emotionally distressed, financially distressed or indeed the child itself was impaired in some way, would it be OK to end the life of that toddler? If not, why not? Is the baby in the womb to be discriminated against due to size or because it is so arrogantly easy to assume that because we cannot see this child who sucks their thumb at 12 weeks that the child is only a mass of cells, a part of the woman's body? That is certainly biologically false. That child may temporarily depend on the mother for support but is an independent being. Again, are you absolutely sure that this baby which is doomed to be violently suctioned apart or burnt with saline solution is not a true human being. If you are not sure, please examine your conscience as to the implications if you are mistaken.

I urge you to watch a You Tube speech by an abortion survivor, Gianna Jessen, presented at the Exhibition Building in Melbourne. I feel it is only fair to hear her perspective as she is a victim of the practice about which you are going to make decisions.

YouTube clip: Gianna Jessen – Abortion survivor gives powerful testimony

Regards,  
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