

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

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Mrs. Fiona Webb

Dear Secretary,

I am writing to you to ask you to vote against the **Abortion Law Reform Amendment Bill**.

There are many reasons to leave the law as it is. I do not wish to enter into all the arguments as I am sure you have been presented with many already.

A few areas I will address include the following:

1. Decriminalisation of abortion would mean abortion would be legal in Queensland for any reason at all, effectively until the moment of birth. Yet 85% of Queensland voters are opposed to late-term abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy and 72% are opposed to abortion after 13 weeks of pregnancy. Therefore voting for the bill would be going against what the majority of Queenslanders want. If you are there to represent the people you need to listen and act on behalf of the people.

2. The existing Queensland law against abortion stands as a safeguard for women being pressured by their partners

3. Similarly the existing Queensland law against abortion has a vital educative role. For those people who have no moral upbringing they look to the law to form themselves. Our laws then need to support them to know that intentional killing is morally evil.

Finally,

4. With every abortion, the toll is one dead, one wounded. There is overwhelming evidence about the serious physical and emotional effects of abortion on women, and as a consequence, on their families. This has impact on the whole of society. I am sure you would support structures which enable families to be strong and supportive of one another where relationships are good and encourage each other to become productive citizens.

Again I wish to ask you to vote against the Amended Abortion Bill. I do hope that you and the Committee will consider all evidence when reviewing the Bill and protect all life by voting against the Bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Fiona Webb