

Health (Abortion Law Reform) Amendment Bill 2016

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To: Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee

Submission regarding: *Health (Abortion Law Reform) Amendment Bill 2016*

Dear members,

We urge you to recommend that this bill does **NOT** proceed. The following are some of the reasons why we urge you to oppose this bill:

1. Every abortion results in the death of a person. Life within the womb is just as worthy of being respected, love and cherished as life outside the womb.
2. A study has shown that 66% of Queensland voters believe that an unborn child at 20 weeks of pregnancy is a person with human rights.¹ This bill does not respect these human rights, as it allows babies of 20 weeks of pregnancy and more to be legally murdered. This bill also does not respect the right to life of babies at less than 20 weeks of pregnancy.
3. A Galaxy Research poll conducted in May 2016 has found that 84% of Queensland voters believe that abortion can harm the mental and physical health of a woman.² Studies have shown that abortion **does** cause physical and psychological harm to women who procure abortions.
4. This Bill is not in keeping with the Hippocratic oath, which states:
*I will not give a lethal drug to anyone if I am asked, nor will I advise such a plan and similarly I will not give a woman a pessary to cause an abortion.*³
5. A study has shown that 72% of Queensland voters are opposed to mid-term abortions past 13 weeks of pregnancy.⁴
6. A study has shown that 49% of Queensland voters oppose decriminalising abortion, as opposed to 43% who support decriminalising abortion.⁵
7. Abortion is more dangerous than childbirth.⁶
8. Studies have shown that the risk of ectopic pregnancies is higher in women who have had an abortion.⁷

¹ Galaxy Research poll. May 2016. *Abortion Study*. Prepared for the Australian Family Association.

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³ https://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/greek/greek_oath.html

⁴ Galaxy Research poll. May 2016. *Abortion Study*. Prepared for the Australian Family Association.

⁵ <https://www.family.org.au/queensland/462-new-poll-shows-abortion-bill-is-out-of-touch-with-voters>

⁶ <http://www.abortionfacts.com/facts/11>

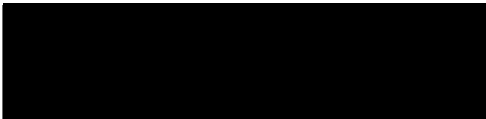
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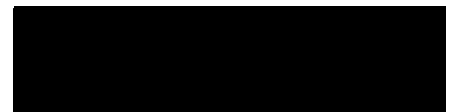
9. This bill will allow peaceful protest within 50m of abortion facilities to be a punishable offence.⁸ This could lead to a limiting of our freedom of speech, movement, expression, and possibly religion; this is offensive and is an attack on our democratic rights.⁹
10. This bill states that “a doctor has a duty to perform, and a registered nurse has a duty to assist a doctor in the performance of, an abortion on a woman in an emergency if the abortion is necessary to save the life of, or to prevent a serious physical injury to, the woman.” Yet 79% of Queensland voters surveyed in the Galaxy Research poll support doctors and nurses being allowed to exercise conscientious objection to participating in abortions.¹⁰

We urge you to reflect carefully upon these points that have been raised and to decide to not recommend this bill.

Kind regards,



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⁸ Health (Abortion Law Reform) Amendment Bill 2016

⁹ <http://www.cherishlife.org.au/abortion-bill-campaign/do-a-letter-or-submission>

¹⁰ Galaxy Research poll. May 2016. *Abortion Study*. Prepared for the Australian Family Association.