

To the Parliamentary Committee Reporting on the Second Bill to Change the Law regarding Abortion.

We are concerned about the unnecessary change to Queensland Law. We believe that the majority of people in Queensland see no reason to change the existing law. The existing law by its nature recognizes that an unborn baby needs some recognition, and protection in law.

Since no woman in the last 100 years has been prosecuted under this law, it is not needed to protect women.

The nature of limiting late term abortions (after 24 weeks gestation) to the permission of two doctors seems unnecessary as at that stage of pregnancy, there is the possibility of saving both the mother and child by an early delivery of the baby.

We also believe that limiting the conscientious objection of doctors to taking part in an abortion is watering down the freedoms we enjoy in this country, and sets a dangerous precedent.

Any bill which deals with abortion should require mandatory counselling for a woman seeking such a serious decision.

Since parents are responsible for their children, I believe that parental consent should be required for minors to make this serious decision which could affect the well being of their child.

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