

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

Subject: Submission to the Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee on the Proposed Bill by Mr Rob Pyne.

Dear Members,

All rights come from the right to life. If every person, from conception until natural death, has not got the right to life, then no person has.

The present law in QLD is that no baby is to be aborted unless the mothers life is at risk or if her mental health is jeopardized from the continuation of her pregnancy. In other words, preborn babies in this state have some form of protection and are of value. Let us keep it that way.

Mr Pyne is saying he wants to have more clarity for the 'lawfulness' of the actions of health professionals within the abortion industry. While stating this, he is presenting a Bill which allows for abortions up to full term. The killing of any baby in utero being made legal.

Our medical professionals' vocation and our political leaders' task is to save and protect human life not destroy it. Women don't die from having babies. Our medical professionals, as with all of us, can assist women through difficult pregnancies. There are many devoted couples who wish to adopt children and would gladly welcome these children into their families.

We have an IVF industry which is flourishing to produce babies, and now Mr Pyne is trying to create a flourishing abortion industry!

These preborn babies are not objects, but our own human progeny that Mr Pyne is aiming to kill.

I call on your committee to discard Mr Pyne's Bill as offensive and abhorrent.

A quote from Pope John Paul II:

"No single person or group has a monopoly on the defence and promotion of life. These are everyone's task and responsibility. On the eve of the Third Millennium, the challenge facing us is an arduous one: only the concerted efforts of all those who believe in the value of life can prevent a setback of unforeseeable consequences for civilization." Saint Pope John Paul II, 'The Gospel of Life', n 91.

Yours sincerely,
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