

**Health (Abortion Law Reform)  
Amendment Bill 2016**

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I am opposed to Mr Rob Pyne's second Bill - the Abortion Law Reform (Women's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill

Abortion is illegal in Queensland and should remain so. There are already approximately 10,000 abortions carried out annually. Despite abortion being illegal there has never been anyone found guilty for breaking the law. So why would Mr Pyne and abortion advocates suggest that women in Queensland cannot readily access abortion in this State? And why would anyone think it necessary to make it legal or "decriminalize" it?

It seems quite obvious that Mr Rob Pyne's Abortion is not about protecting women from being prosecuted under the current law but it's about prosecuting those are against abortion. It is about vilifying Pro-Life Queenslanders. It is a dictatorial attack against free speech, democracy including the right to protest against whatever a group or individual is concerned about. There were complaints many years ago about Sir Joh restricting protests. Mr Pyne is worse by far. Protesting "by any means" would be prohibited in the "protected area" 50m around abortion places! Protesters, good people who are concerned about the life of these innocent defenceless babies face up to three months imprisonment while those that are serial killers - aborting babies in the womb day in day out stay free. The bill is mainly about silencing those who do not agree with the killing of innocent defenceless babies in the womb.

The proposed bill to widen the grounds for legal abortion in Queensland is contrary to current medical practices in Australia and many countries around the world and even. For example Victoria is turning back abortion legislation particularly as the time of viability when the child is capable of surviving outside the womb, becomes earlier. For example, in Utah this year the 'foetal pain abortion law' was passed which will now require doctors to provide anaesthesia to babies being aborted at 20 weeks of pregnancy or later.

Sometimes abortion is promoted as a 'solution' but how can killing an innocent baby in the womb be considered a solution? Compassionate care for women and the unborn child should never involve providing terminations without medical advice or supervision up to the time of natural birth which is what this proposed bill purports. Women need to be informed that having an abortion can cause "mental health" issues, rather than being promised an abortion will relieve of such potential problems. There are thousands of women who have had abortions testify that the abortion caused them deep long term depression, lasting for many years even regretting killing their unborn child in their old age on their death bed. Many other emotional side effects were also experienced by women after abortions, including drug abuse, excessive immorality and attempted suicides. There needs to be more information given to women seeking abortions which can be provided if it remains illegal much more easily than if it is legal. Currently "counselling" or "advice" from an abortion clinic's "doctor" or staff will reflect their vested financial interest in the woman having an abortion.

Making abortion legal will make it even more uncontrollable and encourage more women to use it as a birth control and inflict more women with harmful side effects and more babies in the womb to become defenceless victims of this painful death.

The "Pro-Choice" argument that a woman should have the right to do what she wants with her body does not give her the right to kill her unborn as the baby is not her body. It is a separate human being from conception through to birth or abortion, whichever this child will experience. Babies as young as 22 weeks can survive outside a woman's body.

If a woman does not want to bring up a child for whatever reason why not encourage her to have the child adopted. There are thousands of good people waiting and eager to adopt. Abortion is severely limiting the number of babies available for adoption. How many babies are currently available?

How many people are waiting to adopt? Several years ago there was a ratio of approx. 10,000 couples on the waiting list compared to 20 babies available for adoption.

I request Members of the committee to oppose this bill and to recommend that this bill be rejected.

Kind regards,  
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