

Health (Abortion Law Reform)
Amendment Bill 2016

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Dear Health Committee

I respectfully ask the you reject the second Abortion Bill allowing late term abortion for viable babies submitted by MP Rob Pyne. There was strong public rejection of Mr Pyne's first bill and Mr Pyne's attempts at a second bill seem to blatantly disregard the opinions of the Queensland people.

As experts testified at the inquiry into the first bill, a child in the womb is human and therefore deserving of human rights. To kill a healthy viable baby is an undeniable violation of the human rights of that baby. By allowing this bill, the Committee would be opening the door to a dangerous line of thinking. After all, if a healthy, viable baby is an inconvenience or unwanted and can be killed 2 weeks before it is born, then it will be an even greater inconvenience 2 weeks after it is born; so why should we not be able to kill that healthy, viable baby then? While this may sound extreme now, it is a logical extension of the reasoning in Mr Pyne's Bill and if a dangerous Bill like this should ever be passed, then society has opened the door to future violations of the human rights of the most vulnerable.

I therefore, strongly urge the Committee once again reject this Bill to allow the abortion of viable babies up to birth.

Yours respectfully

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