Legalised infanticide:
That’s what abortion is...
Introduction
Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to the Queensland Law Reform Commission’s review into laws relating to the termination of pregnancy.

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Legal Framework

The Constitution of Queensland 2001 states in S.8 that:

The Constitution Act 1867, section 2 provides for law-making power in Queensland.¹

The Constitution Act 1867 states in S.2 that:

Within the said Colony of Queensland Her Majesty shall have power by and with the advice and consent of the said Assembly to make laws for the peace welfare and good government of the colony in all cases whatsoever.²

These clauses provide the legal framework by which the Legislative Assembly has powers to make laws, including those relating to pregnancy.

The Legislative Assembly is empowered to make laws in all cases whatsoever. Furthermore, these laws must have a purpose of providing for the peace, welfare and good government of Queensland.

Legal ‘Termination of Pregnancy’ is unconstitutional

The Queensland Law Reform Commission has been tasked to recommend how Queensland should amend laws to remove termination of pregnancy from the criminal code.³

The deliberate act of terminating a pregnancy results in the death of a human person:

- It is a scientific fact that human life begins at conception.
- It is a scientific fact that within the first week of conception an embryo develops a circulatory system.
- It is a scientific fact that in the second after conception organs begin forming.
- It is a scientific fact that in the third week after conception neural tissue forms and the heart begins to beat and pump blood.

Many women are not even aware that they are pregnant by the time these developments occur.

Any law that permits the death of a human person (without regard to factors justified by natural law such as self-defence or punishment upon conviction of extremely serious and violent crimes) is contrary to the required aims of the Queensland Constitution that laws provide for peace, welfare and good government.

The Queensland Law Reform Commission must advise the Attorney-General that her proposal to legalise termination of pregnancy is unconstitutional. Further, it should advise the Attorney-General that, in order to provide for the peace, welfare and good government of Queensland, current laws relating to termination of pregnancy should be upheld and police action should be taken against all persons currently engaged in termination of pregnancy.

This should suffice to end this matter. However, for sake of completeness I will address some additional issues.

**Safe Access Zones**

Nothing highlights the moral bankruptcy and hypocrisy of the proposal to change current laws in Queensland to allow abortion more than the discussion of ‘Safe Access Zones’.

It is proposed that within these ‘zones’ it will be lawful to kill a child and unlawful to take any action to assist that child (or its mother) before such a tragedy occurs. In one fell swoop, evil will be rendered ‘lawful’ and good ‘criminal’.

Any other activity in Queensland can be subject to protest. Billion dollar projects can be held up to save the whales or endangered grasshoppers. But this law proposes that the right to freedom of political communication be stripped away from those who seek to protect the sanctity of human life. The very reality of this idea should bring deep shame on all those who propose it. It is utterly evil.

If there is any discussion of ‘safe access zones’ and abortion centres, it should be centred on protecting those who are placed in danger by entering them. Consequently, these zones should be focused on protecting children who face the loss of their life when they are brought within these zones.

It should be unlawful to bring a child within a ‘Safe Access Zone’ for the purpose of causing it harm.

Further, these zones should not be used in a completely hypocritical and illegitimate way to criminalise those who seek to assist pregnant women facing a crisis situation, nor to violate the implied freedom of political communication and the general concept of religious freedom to criminalise prayers and other forms of virtuous and democratic behaviour in these areas.

I have been involved in such activity. Never once have I seen any person harmed or threatened by the mostly little old ladies who are there to give hope. On the contrary, there are many women (and their children) who have been assisted by these people and who did find hope.

The Queensland Law Reform Commission should recommend that these groups should receive government funding and assistance so that they can continue their valuable work assisting others facing crisis.
Live-birth abortions

It is a sad fact that, despite laws in Queensland criminalising abortion, a child is ‘aborted’ and survives the process in Queensland approximately every 18 days. Unfortunately, this remarkable feat of survival does not have a happy ending. These children are left to die in Queensland medical centres without care, love or assistance.

This information was provided by the former Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services to Queensland parliament in 2016.4

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Proponents of abortion like to justify their position by pretending that aborted children are no more than theoretical, despite the absolute scientific evidence and ethical foundations to the contrary.

However, in no way can the claim be made that the children referred to above are ‘theoretical’. They live to take a breath.

Every single one of them was left to die in an approved medical facility.

Due to the circumstances surrounding these abortions, it is almost certain that these children have progressed past 20 weeks gestation (and possibly even past 23-25 weeks gestation – the point of viability) and that their parents were required to obtain a birth certificate and a death certificate for them. It is highly likely that some form of Commonwealth welfare or state government assistance in the form of a baby bonus, maternity leave or paternity leave was paid to the parents of these children.

Every single one of these children died as a result of a deliberate decision taken to kill them by medical staff and their parents.

The Queensland Law Reform Commission should recommend that the government undertake an urgent investigation into these deaths. Further, criminal charges should be laid where acts or omissions that resulted in their deaths violated the Queensland Criminal Code.

Further, this investigation should also examine other possible criminal activity, including falsifying or fraudulently signing birth and death certificates or fraudulently claiming Commonwealth or state monies as a result of these activities.

Conscientious Objection

Doctors and other medical professionals, as well as any person required to conduct tasks relating to the administration of abortions or the payments of monies resulting from abortions (such as Centrelink officials or hospital administrators) should be able to freely object to abortion.

The Queensland Law Reform Commission should recommend that such persons be legally protected from having to participate in abortion procedures or in any of the administrative or other ‘work’ relating to those procedures.

Assistance for women

I recognise that pregnancy can be daunting. Bringing a new life into this world is one of the most serious and challenging dramas any person can face.

There can be no doubt that some women feel fear in the face of this task.

For the peace, welfare and good order of Queensland, the Queensland Law Reform Commission should recommend that the government provide medical services to women to help them understand pregnancy and the development of the child that they are a mother to.

Mothers who are concerned about the future of their child should be required to have an ultrasound before they make any decisions including a decision to consider adoption.

Further, the funding currently allocated unlawfully to abortion providers should be immediately redirected to providing shelter, accommodation and other forms of support to women who are concerned about their child’s welfare during and after pregnancy.

Encouragement for men

Women are often unfairly targeted with the perception that they are entirely responsible for the decision to abort their child.

Abortion is an action that is driven by fear. And it is often created by the one person who should be there to drive that fear away: the father of the child.

Queensland Law Reform Commission should recommend educational programs be developed for men that are designed to help them shoulder the responsibility of their actions towards the mothers they help make and the children that share their genes.

Further, the Queensland Law Reform Commission should also recommend that placing any pressure on a woman to have an abortion is classified as a form of domestic violence.
A commitment to marriage

This nation has just had a long, drawn-out debate about marriage. Yet this debate did not even scratch the surface of what marriage is.

Marriage is the institution that best provides the circumstances children need: a stable environment with a mother and father who are biologically driven to care for and educate those children throughout life.

It is difficult to obtain figures on the precise reasons behind the approximately 10,000 to 14,000 abortions that occur illegally in Queensland every year. However, it is likely that the vast majority of these abortions would not occur if the pregnancies that led to them took place within a strong marriage.

Queensland Law Reform Commission should recommend that the government review its laws and programs to determine how they can better support the institution of marriage and assist each man and woman in those marriages to be the best mothers and fathers that they can be.

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