

## **Push for Legalised Abortion in Queensland.**

The Queensland Law Reform Commission currently is conducting an inquiry into the reform of abortion law in Queensland.

Immediately prior to Christmas (on 23 December) advertisements were published inviting the public to make submissions. Submissions closed on 13 February 2018 and the scheduled deadline date for the QLRC to report to Parliament is 30 June 2018.

Yet at a rally on 21 January this year, it now has been revealed that Jackie Trad, Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships in Queensland, told abortion supporters that the QLRC would “come back to us [the Government] in March this year.”

Cherish Life<sup>1</sup> president Julie Borger says, “Is this a sign of more shenanigans from Jackie Trad and her radical pro-abortion supporters? Only a little over a year ago, two parliamentary inquiries effectively rejected abortion law reform and the two bills moved by Independent MP Rob Pyne were withdrawn from the Parliament because of their pending defeat, yet it seems those who want to remove the last protections in Queensland for unborn children won’t take ‘no’ for an answer.”

Mrs Borger noted that the overwhelming majority of submissions to both inquiries opposed change and the No position was supported by 83% of the submissions to the parliamentary inquiry. 55, 604 submissions were received.

“The QLRC inquiry is now under a cloud of possible foul play,” Mrs Borger now says. “Queenslanders have spoken out firmly and overwhelmingly to say they do not want these reforms. The referral to the QLRC smacks of a government more intent on foisting an extreme ideology upon this state than it is about good governance and proper process.”

What can we do?

Go to the following address <https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/petition-details?id=2856> and sign the petition. The closing date of the petition is 30 April, 2018.

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<sup>1</sup> Cherish Life is an association of people who are committed to protecting natural life at all stages.[www.cherishlife.org.au](http://www.cherishlife.org.au)