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JJ WILLIAMS – PRESIDENT

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Committee Secretary,
Senate Finance & Public Administration Committee
Parliament House,
CANBERRA, ACT, 2600

Dear Sir/Madam,

“ABORTION HORRIFIES”

It is a national disgrace that Abortion is funded through the Medicare System, using taxpayers dollars. However, any attempt to restrict this Funding is commendable and deserves to be approved. Human life begins at conception – until natural death. It is a precious gift from God and should never be devalued.

The reverence of each and every human being has been a keystone of western medicine and is the ethic which has caused most physicians to try to preserve, protect, repair, prolong and enhance every human life. Government authorised abortion centres are unjust, in that, even if allowed by law, that law does not produce any legitimate legal effort. Future governments would be justified in setting up courts to prosecute present day abortionists for crimes against humanity. They could use as their defence that the “Law is Law”. No title in this world possesses a greater dignity than that of “mother” and no title is more contemptible than that of “abortionist”.

I have received permission from a prominent Townsville Doctor to re-write the following letter written by him and published in the Townsville Bulletin on 1st September 2005, under the heading “Pain Surely Felt”.

“The reference to medical evidence that a premature baby does not feel pain until the seventh month of pregnancy (T.B. August 2005) reminded me of the limerick:

There was a young lady from Deal
Who said though pain is not real
If I sit on a pin
And it punctures my skin
I dislike what I fancy I feel.



The medical evidence as contained in an article in the Journal of American Medical Association defines pain as a psychological construct requiring conscious recognition. It argues that certain fibres from the middle to the cortex of the brain do not appear to mature until 30 weeks gestation and therefore, the premature baby cannot feel pain.

We care for babies born even earlier than 24 weeks of gestation. If we puncture their skin, they may wriggle, try to withdraw, frown and cry. They will breathe faster, even lose their breath, and their heart will beat faster. Levels of hormones can be measured to rise. They may even wet or dirty themselves. We give morphine to reduce such reaction. We don't know what psychological constructs are going on in their little heads but it sure seems they are experiencing something unpleasant.

The article was written to reassure that babies do not feel pain when they are being aborted under about 28 weeks of gestation. All I can say is that if we tried to pull one of our premature babies apart, it would give every appearance of disliking what we were fancying it did not feel"

Dr. John Whitehall
 Director of Neonatology
 Townsville General Hospital

Furthermore:-

"A Double Murder Trial"

Scott Petersen, a Californian man was charged with the murder of his wife, Laci, and their unborn son, Conner (8 months in the womb). Petersen was convicted of murdering his wife in the first degree and murdering his unborn son in the second degree.

Isn't it tragic that a "doctor" in an abortion centre can kill a baby of eight months gestation and be paid handsomely for his services.

It is incomprehensible that an individual (David Grundman) can boast that his abortion centre in Townsville does 1,000 - 1,250 abortions a year (T.B. 22/4/2008).

I trust that your Senate Finance & Public Administration Committee will give serious consideration to Senator Barnett's motion to stop taxpayer funding of late term abortions and come up with a positive response.

President Ronald Regan once said that those who support abortion have already been born.

Yours sincerely,

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