

## Anti-abortion violence

Soon after the charges were brought against the Cairns couple, The Cairns Post published their address. Consequently their house was firebombed by anti-abortion campaigners - forcing the couple to relocate. The Australian reported on August 8 that Therese Martin, QLD President of the anti-abortion lobby group "Cherish Life" claimed that they don't support the aggressive tactics adopted by some anti-abortion groups and that they don't confront women outside abortion clinics. They claimed that they only mount "silent protests". This is a lie. "Cherish Life" and their collaborators in "Protect Life" regularly confront and harass women outside Brisbane clinics. Therese Martin herself participates in the annual "Walk for Little feet" which protests outside various clinics in Brisbane, blocking the entrances.

***Worldwide more than 1/3 of all pregnancies are unplanned.***

***Every year nearly 1/4 of all pregnant women worldwide choose to have an abortion.***

***The legal status of abortion makes little difference to overall levels of abortion incidence.***

***Where illegal, most abortions are done with unsafe methods.***

***Where illegal, it is primarily women without financial means who take recourse to unsafe abortion methods, resulting in the death of a woman every 8 minutes.***

## Join the Pro-Choice Action Collective.

Abortion is not a problem; it is a solution to the problem of unwanted pregnancies. It is a basic medical procedure and should be treated as such in law and in medicine.

We need free, safe, accessible abortion — without apology. This is the only way to demolish the real tragedy surrounding abortion, which is the unnecessary suffering that women have to endure in order to have control over their own bodies and lives.



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