From:

Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee

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I would like to express my opinion and object to the Abortion Bill currently being proposed which enables a termination up to and including 22weeks of the pregnancy.

I fully believe in the 'right to life', and this includes the unborn child. The womb now seems to be a very dangerous place in which to be.

There are currently sufficient guidelines for termination at the moment, and I see no need to extend the time to 22 weeks or even longer.

Today contraception and tubal ligation give the woman sufficient control over her choice, so one would wonder why she would want to kill her unborn.

We must also realise that women will lose out here yet again. What appears as a right to choose, will become no right to choose as she is pressured to kill her unborn child

because the pregnancy, which should never occurred, is an embarrassment and a threat to another person or even herself. This will take away a woman's protection.

As with all decisions, the facts will be in the interpretation. Once passed, it will be used against the will of others, because they may not be capable of making that decision themselves.

Protection is always better than cure, and perhaps this is the line the Committee should take.

Please consider my objection.

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