

Submission Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018

I submit the following objection to the proposed legislation;

1. This Bill's stated goal is; *"the recommended ground is that the medical practitioner considers that the termination should, in all the circumstances, be performed"* is clearly aimed at restricting persons interested in saving a life and destroying a living human than acknowledging a woman is carrying a living human.
2. For any termination the baby's heart must be stopped, usually by injection (termination drug). The fact that the heart is beating indicates life. Stopping the heart is an act of premeditated murder.
3. Compelling a health practitioner with conscientious objection to refer the woman to a health practitioner who does **not** have an objection is forcing those doctors to agree to the Bill's stated goal (Refer Point 1).
4. The proposed legislation does **not** consider a father's wish in this matter.
5. The proposed legislation does **not** provide a "cooling off" period or counselling for the woman, nor does it consider the effects it will have on the mother.
6. Creating "Safe access zones" is an attempt by the State to destroy freedom of speech and fails to consider that a woman may be having second thoughts that would welcome some discussion before she commits. It deters family members (including fathers) who may wish to counsel the mother from accompanying them within the safe zone.
7. Section 15 (2) can be used to discriminate illegally against a person who may be going about their lawful business but who may have publicly stated their disapproval of this Bill.
8. Section 23 & 24 clearly states that a pregnant woman is carrying an **unborn child**.
9. This Bill allows for gender selection of a baby.
10. The State is acting in a totalitarian way without due care to human life.
11. Premature babies can be saved at around 6 months, this Bill allows for termination up to 9 months – this is morally unacceptable!
12. Despite statements to the contrary, polls demonstrate the public are against changing the current legislation. (YouGov Galaxy Poll August 2018)
13. Research demonstrates abortion's adverse psychological effects on women. Some symptoms of post-abortion stress for women include grief, anger, sexual dysfunction, guilt, flashbacks, memory repression, anniversary reactions, hallucinations, suicidal thoughts, increased alcohol and drug use, and difficulty maintaining relationships.

Thank you for receiving this submission.

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