

Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018 Submission Monday, 3 September 2018 5:50:11 PM

Health Committee Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018

I wish to make the following submission in relation to the "Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018." I respectfully request that your Committee consider my submission anonymously.

I make this submission with the belief that no pregnancy may occur, without first the contributing input of a father, conferring on both parents a vested interest in every child that is conceived.

Considering that a father must pay child support, when the mother wants to keep a child that the father does not want to keep, I submit that fathers must equally be given a say, when the mother does not want to keep a child that the father does want to keep.

This bill wrongly allows no say for fathers who wish to keep their child. Surely it is unjust to not treat the father with an equality commensurate with his vested interest in the child?

This bill should mandate informed consent, so that women are fully informed of all the possible impacts of everything involved in this kind of procedure. To fail to do so, can and does wreak havoc on the future lives of many women, traumatised by past ill-considered choices.

This new law does not offer any penalties for clinics that do not follow proper informed consent recommendations

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to vote down this bill.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Parry