

**Subject:**

SUBMISSION - Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018

**Date:**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

We write to **object against** the above Bill.

The current laws are more than adequate.

The Bill has some provisions which we object to, namely:

- \* allows for DIY abortions [Part 3, S10]
- \* allows for abortion up until birth for any reason.
- \* the second doctor who needs to sign off on the procedure after 22 weeks need not see the woman requesting termination [Part 2, S6] - isn't that professional negligence ?  
Imagine a G.P., or someone in another profession, doing similar !
- \* it compels complicity from medical practitioners with a conscientious objection [Part 2, S8]
- \* under Part 4 [Safe Access Zones] it may be considered legitimate to report a heavily pregnant woman walking past a termination clinic, or a mother with her baby walking past a termination clinic, as they may deter a woman from entering the premises.
- \* would allow for sex-selection abortion - and yet, we are told that gender is fluid and people can change their gender - so it makes this sex-selection abortion hypocritical.
- \* allows no say for fathers who wish to keep their children, but conversely, if a mother wishes to keep her child and a father does not, he must still pay child support.
- \* Bill says nothing about informed consent - women need to know the possible impacts, and what the process actually involves. This new law does not offer any penalties for clinics that do not follow proper informed consent recommendations.

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