



Subject: [SPAM ?] Opposition to Labor's Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018
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To the Health Committee,

My name is Mrs Dana Marie Alfred.



As a woman and mother, I strongly oppose Labor's Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018.

This bill, written intentionally to increase abortion rates, acts against the best interests of women, children and families. Wherever abortion rates rise, so do female suicide rates. China, with the world's most restrictive family planning policies, is the only country in the world where female suicides are greater in number than male suicides.

This bill goes against the interests of doctors and nurses at the forefront of women's health care. Removing conscientious objection from health care professionals removes safety and morality from practice. It removes the ability of some doctors to continue practising and will inhibit interest in the study of medicine.

When abortion is conducted late term, babies have been known to survive and have been intentionally left to die. This means the right to health care is denied to a living person. This is an act of discrimination and murder. Nurses and doctors who have witnessed the intentional killing of a live baby would be right to feel their conscience motivate them to save the baby's life. Would mothers who have delivered live babies want to know their child survived? This bill is trying to silence the voices of those who would fight for the rights of the child. This bill is against the rights of humans.

I have known women who have aborted their babies to talk of their dead children existing in heaven, waiting for them, watching over them. Motherhood begins at conception and mothers never forget the children they knew grew within them. Abortion causes women to grieve for longer than 9 months. The grief from abortion cannot be reconciled by time.

It is not right to prevent anyone from offering support to a pregnant woman who is at risk of considering abortion. Pregnant women abort for many more reasons than just that they 'don't want the baby'. Social pressure convinces women not to become young mothers- but why not? Infertility treatments are now something older women are using more and more. This is a cost society can avoid.

Women who remain childless after abortions often speak of regret- If only they had realised that was the only child they could ever conceive, they would never have aborted their only child.

Please save women and children from the barbarity of abortion. Society's first support should be for its pregnant women.

Regards,
Dana Alfred