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Lawful terminations - not more than 22 weeks pregnant

Clause 5 of the Bill allows that a medical practitioner may perform a termination on a woman who is not more than 22 weeks pregnant. Clause 10 of the Bill provides that a woman who consents to, assists in, or performs a termination on herself does not commit an offence. Clause 22 of the Bill repeals Sections 224 to 226 of the Criminal Code which make it an offence to terminate a pregnancy.

Do you agree that terminations should be lawful on request up to 22 weeks?

NO

Termination on request, no reason needed, is simply a means of birth control. A human life is horrifically terminated out of convenience. That's murder and a brutal one at that.

Lawful terminations - more than 22 weeks pregnant and with the agreement of two medical practitioners

Clause 6(1) of the Bill allows that a medical practitioner may perform a termination on a woman who is more than 22 weeks pregnant if the medical practitioner considers that the termination should be performed, and has consulted with another medical practitioner who also agrees that the termination should be performed. Clause 6(2) of the Bill outlines the matters which a medical practitioner must consider when considering whether a termination should be performed - these being all relevant medical circumstances, the woman's current and future physical, psychological and social circumstances, and the professional standards and guidelines that apply to the medical practitioner in relation to the performance of the termination.

Do you agree that terminations should be lawful beyond 22 weeks with the agreement of two medical practitioners?

NO

It is not a sufficient safeguard to preserving the life of the unborn child.

In today's climate 'two medical practitioners' cannot be relied upon to be independent, impartial and dedicated to the 'do no harm' ethic of their profession.

Lawful terminations - more than 22 weeks pregnant and in an emergency

Clause 6(3) of the Bill allows that a medical practitioner may, in an emergency, perform a termination on a woman who is more than 22 weeks pregnant if the medical practitioner considers it necessary to perform the termination to save the woman's life or the life of another unborn child.

Do you agree that terminations beyond 22 weeks should be allowed in an emergency?

Yes

But there should be at least two practitioners involved and they clearly independent and both dedicated to the 'do no harm' ethic of their profession.

Conscientious objection

Clause 8 of the Bill allows for a health practitioner to conscientiously object to the performance of a termination. The health practitioner is required to disclose their conscientious objection and refer or transfer the woman to another health practitioner or health service provider. The clause does not limit any duty owed by a registered health practitioner to provide a service in an emergency.

Do you agree with allowing a health practitioner to conscientiously object to the performance of a termination, except in emergencies?

YES

They have taken the morally correct hippocratic oath of honesty and integrity including 'do no harm'.

Safe access zones

Clauses 11 to 14 of the Bill allow for the establishment of safe access zones at termination service premises. The safe zone applies to an area within 150 metres of the entrance of the termination service premises, unless a distance is prescribed by regulation. It also establishes penalties for prohibited conduct or restricted recording (including the publication and distribution of a restricted recording) within a safe access zone.

Do you agree with the establishment of safe access zones within 150m of the entrance of termination service premises and associated penalties for prohibited conduct or restricted recording?

NO

A safe access zone ??? For who?? The unborn child?

Harassment, intimidation and the like are against the law whatever the issue and cannot be condoned.

If so then should the Salvation Army and other pro-temperance organisations be legally excluded from within 150m of hotels, bars & night clubs??

Offences for unqualified persons

Clause 25 of the Bill outlines offences for an unqualified person who performs, or assists in performing, a termination on a woman. Both offences have a maximum penalty of 7 years imprisonment.

Do you agree with the proposed offences for unqualified persons who perform or assists with a termination?

Yes

Maximum sentence too light. An unqualified person puts the Mother's life at risk and there is a definite intention to kill the unborn child.

Anyone killing a pregnant women is also charged with the death of the unborn child so how can they not be culpable in this situation??

Other issues

If you wish to make any other comments in relation to this Bill, you can do so here:

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Are you content for your submission to be published? *

Yes

Appearing as a witness at a public hearing

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Would you like to be considered to appear as a witness before the committee?

No thank you.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission

Yours sincerely
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