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I have great concerns about this Bill. I note from page 2 of the Explanatory Notes

*generally terminations should be treated as a health issue rather than as a criminal matter; · women's autonomy and health (including access to safe medical procedures) should be promoted, recognising that: - at the earlier stages of pregnancy, a woman's autonomy has greatest weight, and termination is lower risk and safe for the woman; - **at the later stages of pregnancy, the interests of the fetus have increasing weight, and termination involves higher risk for the woman and creates more complex issues;***

When I have a medical procedure I want to know all the options and the risks involved.

I have heard women tell of the grief and sorrow they have felt after having an abortion and others who were so glad that they kept their child.

The Bill as it is short changes women by not providing for counselling so the woman can be made aware of all the options and their associated risks, including the option of keeping the baby and the support networks that are available.

This Bill fails to take into account the total long term well being of the woman so should not be passed into law.

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