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To: Committee Secretary of Health

SUBMISSION ON ***Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018***

I wish to express very strong objections against the above named abortion bill.

This legislation won't help the helpless unborn children from a brutally cruel death. It won't help the pregnant woman who has an abortion. Why? There is long term grief for the would-be mother which affects not only herself but her relationships with her partner (if she has one), any other children she might already have; or if not, the ability to have children when later on in life she desires a child. Time heals some grief but not the grief of abortion. Where is the counselling for women asking for an abortion or even a cooling off period while she reconsiders her decision?

Check out this website: [Abortion Grief Australia](#)

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It even shows the grief of the male partner who without counselling may suffer from the guilt and shame of losing a child of their own for decades. This in turn affects his relationship with the mother of his child and other relationships within the family. An abortion can divide up a family into two distinct camps: those strongly against and those who eventually agree reluctantly in the end to the procedure.

Abortions done freely in hospitals as elective surgery would lock up beds needed for more urgent cases. Does anyone win out of this legislation? Yes! The private abortion providers would be the big money makers from these terrible crimes.

Please reject this bill in its entirety.

Please protect our most vulnerable in society. Thank you.

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