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To Mr Rob Pyne MP,

I am writing to show my support for on the decriminalization of abortion.

There is a diversity of people who need to access safe abortion. People who are survivors of rape or incest, women who would physically be putting their life at risk by continuing with a pregnancy. These women and all women deserve access to a safe and legal abortion. Safe legal abortion will let women make choices about their bodies that will lead to improvement in their lives. Unwanted pregnancy forces women to leave education, leads to suicide, causes problems with housing, and in the current law it can force women to make unsafe choices with relation to abortion.

Illegal and unsafe unregulated abortions have caused death of women for centuries. As well as death, unsafe abortions can cause infection and long term infertility.

Criminalizing abortion only makes it less accessible to the people who need it most, the most vulnerable in the community.

Deciding to have an abortion will never be an easy decision and women also need access to non-biased counselling and to be protected from counselling services with ulterior motives.

This law also puts doctors at risk, they have signed an oath to do no harm, yet it is illegal to do what is best for patients which in some cases is to provide a safe abortion.

Sincerely,

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