

I am writing as a concerned individual – just an 'average' citizen – who is concerned about the need to protect the lives of unborn children, on behalf of whom decisions of 'life and death' are made.

Sadly, some women see abortion as the only 'way out' – but the consequences can be grave not only for a child who is aborted (and may well have developed as a healthy child in the womb) but also in how it affects a woman's physical and mental health, not just at the time of the abortion, but often many years down the track. More support and counselling for these women would be a much better option.

Then there's the doctors and nurses who have to be involved in these procedures – particularly the ' $11^{th}$  hour' abortions - there must be a deep psychological effect, particularly for those who hold strong beliefs in the sanctity of life and are required to 'do their job'. Their difficult position needs to be taken into account also.

Thank you for your consideration of my views, and I'm sure the views of many others who cherish and value 'new life'.

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