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To: abortionlawreform
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Dear Members of the Parliamentary Committee,

I'm writing to urge parliament to **OPPOSE** Mr Rob Pyne's abortion bill as it removes all protections and provides no safeguards regarding abortions.

As the director of the Multicultural Community Centre in Newmarket, I work with many families from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and also see many couples who are trying to have babies. Having personally experienced the loss of a child through a miscarriage, my wife and I understand the value of human life in the womb. It is my deep conviction that all human life — especially children in the womb — is valuable and precious and should be protected by our governments. Just because someone is very small or even unwanted, does not negate the fact that their life is valuable and worth protecting. While I recognise women have rights, the right to life should be foundational and primary. When a society no longer values human life, especially of the most defenceless in the womb, it opens the door for all sorts of human rights injustice & breaches — either intentionally or sadly through neglect. Safeguards should also be in place for woman — there is considerable evidence to show that woman who have experienced an abortion, later express or display signs of regret and even depression. Imagine if you were the foetus — would you want your society and government to protect and value your life? I know I would.

Accordingly, I would ask the parliament to strongly oppose Mr Pyne's bill and reform our current laws to strictly limit and even abolish abortions.

Regards
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