From:To:abortionlawreformSubject:Abortion Law Reform submissionDate:Sunday, 26 June 2016 4:13:05 PM

Dear Committee Member,

I wish to make a submission opposing the Bill on Abortion Law Reform proposed by MP, Rob Pyne, which seeks to permit abortion right up until birth.

I am opposed to the practice of abortion as I believe that life is a gift and I find it totally unsatisfactory that unborn human beings can be treated in such a flippant and inhumane fashion.

At university there was an Animal Ethics Committee which ensured lab animals were put down in an ethical and painless way when they were no longer required for experiments. I understand that the procedure to end the life of an unborn child is quite horrific and painful. I think we should feel ashamed of ourselves as a nation that we treat animals with greater concern and dignity than vulnerable human beings. Surely there are better options for unwanted babies, for example, adoption. I understand also that many women have regrets and suffer from depression after having an abortion.

Secondly I feel it is totally unacceptable that doctors and health care workers should be forced to encourage or perform abortions when they are morally opposed to such actions. This will only lead to suffering on their part and is akin to bullying.

I hope you will reject this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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