

**From:**  
**To:** [abortionlawreform](#)  
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Dear Committee,

1. I am disturbed that a bill is being introduced into Parliament, that is **contrary to the medical code of ethics and the Hippocratic oath**. Always the aim is to protect and to restore life—**never** to destroy it capriciously.
2. **Procuring death is murder** and is especially heinous when the person affected—the baby—has **no right to defend him/herself**. This can never be a “woman’s—or anyone else’s—right to choose”.
3. The bill is **biased to a small minority who claim selfish rights** that they do not allow to others. **Such a lack of respect for others is shamefully divisive**, and should not be countenanced.
  - The bill **does not respect the rights of the new-born**. There is clear evidence from the testimonies of those who have survived abortion attempts, that they are eternally grateful for their chance to live life, in spite of the attempts to the contrary. Where are the rights of the baby enunciated in any respect?
  - The bill **does not show any respect for the rights of the father**. It is a retrograde step to sideline part of the population, without at least equal opportunity.
4. Giving the **right to women only** means that there is the **dangerous potential flow-on to allow a woman in a marriage relationship to ignore her own husband’s rights** to keep his own child. She can claim a sovereign right against her husband. This is quite outrageous, and divisive, and a threat to the institution of marriage as much as anything else.
5. Any references to **gestation periods and ability to survive**, are extremely subjective and temporary. There is no absolute. Only the ability of current medical practices to be able to support an infant of whatever age. That in no way provides support for the arbitrary termination of a life, at whatever age.
6. It is a sad commentary on this very small group of biased people, who show such lack of respect for life, when on the contrary there are regular reports of women going through extensive and costly IVF and other procedures to **try to GAIN a baby**. And regularly the joy of being able to be a mother is heralded as well it should be. What is wrong with these people who wish to destroy what others recognise as intrinsically beautiful and desirable? Life is very precious and should be preserved at all cost.
7. Does this small group of biased people desire to be treated with the same degree of disrespect that they accord to their unborn babies?

I hope that the committee looks very carefully at the significant issues that are raised by this bill, beyond the superficial and selfish motives of the minority.

Yours sincerely,

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