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To: <u>abortionlawreform</u>

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Dear Committee

Re: Abortion Law Reform (Women's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill 2016

I hereby state that I strongly oppose this bill proposed by Rob Pyne MP.

I personally know of women who have had abortions and have sincerely regretted their decisions in taking the life of their own child. Something they live with for the rest of their lives.

- Both Victoria and Tasmania have these draconian laws that can terminate and thus end the life any baby up to full term. Instead of allowing these laws to enter into our land, why not give support to those mothers, (many who are under pressure to abort from family or financial reasons) with encouragement to keep their child with help or incentives. Who would want to put a mother under the trauma of going through a full term abortion? Be it 'disabled' or otherwise?
- To say that a disabled child has no right to be in the world because they are not perfect is unjust and unfair to the child. This is eugenics and is discrimination against the child. Hitler first started to kill off the mentally retarded and no-one spoke up against it, so it became a slippery slope. For from then on the National Socialist Government decided who was 'human' and who was not towards other races and people groups and thus who to wipe out and discard.
- As previously stated 'the woman's right to choose' is not so clear cut, often they are pressured and are looking for alternative voices to help and support them, where there are none.
- The Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Article 3, states "Everyone has the right to life". That is my submission to your committee.

Yours sincerely

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