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Attn Members of the Committee of Review:

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This Bill offends my every instinct! To what have we come that, 72 years after Hitler's extermination camps filled the world with horror, we should without turning a hair be ready to wipe out a swathe of this generation?

What sort of society have we become that we raise an outcry against the inhumane slaughter of our cattle while remaining unmoved by the gruesome chopping up of babies growing in our wombs? There's a great deal of talk about the rights of the women and yes, they have rights over their own bodies but a baby is separate from its mother, a separate living being within her & destroying a life is murder. What about the rights of the unborn child? 'My right to brandish my fist ends where your nose begins.'

How can one day make a difference to the way we view killing a baby? Should it be called an abortion the day before it's born & murder if its mother strangles it the day of giving birth?

I've noticed two distinct responses to this question & a mode of expression that characterizes each: the horror of the general populace on the one hand, as they contemplate what is being done to 'babies' and on the other hand the impersonal language of the doctors & nurses who work in the abortion clinics, tellingly referring to 'foetuses' in order to distance themselves from the inhumane acts they are committing.

Every effort should be made, through counselling & support, to encourage girls & women to carry their babies to full term. (Instead it seems that often they meet with quite the opposite from persons whose livelihood depends on the abortions they perform.) The mental anguish suffered by many women after undergoing an abortion, often ill prepared & without any real concept of what is involved, is a fact acknowledged by psychologists & one which must be taken into account, along with the actual physical harm to women which can occur through such a procedure. In their rush to do away with constraints, feminists & their supporters will not have considered what the loss of those constraints would mean to some women, e.g., a girl being pressured into an abortion would no longer have the excuse that it was against the law! This is an angle that must be carefully considered before any changes are made.

From another angle, how short-sighted it is of us as Australians, with our aging population, to be contemplating such destruction of human resources! As I've gone into the figures I've read that already a million young lives have been snuffed out, representing productivity lost to us forever, so that we have to make up through immigration the population growth that might have been supplied by natural increase! As well, there are countless men & women who cannot have children of their own & have to look overseas to adopt, because there are simply not enough babies available in Australia.

According to a Galaxy Poll there is not widespread support for this Bill. The figures are available to you & I take it that you have studied them. I believe the timing of its presentation to Parliament & the haste with which the Committee has been ordered to report back was

calculated to take advantage of the distraction afforded by the election. Yet analysis estimates a potential swing of 6% against any Members of Parliament who vote in favour of the Bill. Are they counting on electors forgetting by next election the role they played in bringing in an unpopular piece of legislation?

In conclusion I strongly urge you not to change the Bill in any way. Abortion is murder, and in the end I believe we will be answerable to Almighty God if we legalize abortion.

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