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To: <u>abortionlawreform</u>

Subject: Submission re Abortion Law Reform (Woman's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill 2016

**Date:** Thursday, 30 June 2016 3:51:44 PM

Dear Committee Members,

It is amazing to me that we could even be considering a bill such as this. Where are the William Wilberforce's of our day who spoke up for the rights of those ones subjected to the cruelty, and often death/murder, by those who profited from the practice of slavery and who viewed these ones as less than human? It seems there is a lot in common between the slavery emancipation movement of the late 17th / early 18th centuries and the abortion debate of today. Surely, and hopefully, one day we will look back in disbelief at the barbaric practice of abortion as that of a bygone, unenlightened era.

Please choose life for the innocent unborn and save them from the cruel, torturous, murderous treatment at the hands of doctors who are meant to dedicate their lives to saving life, not destroying it. Also, one must consider the ongoing mental and psychological harm to the women who will spend the rest of their lives knowing that they have killed their child.

For the sake of human decency and a civilised, progressive society, please oppose this horrific, proposed bill.

Yours Sincerely,

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