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Re:  
Mr Pyne's Bill: The Abortion Law Reform Amendment Bill

Please DO NOT consider making this proposal into law

A baby at 23 weeks can now be completely viable outside the womb. This baby will grow and develop and become an adult who will be a part of our society.

We must protect the most vulnerable in our society. Who is more vulnerable than a baby?

By allowing this law to proceed you are effectively allowing murder of a human being. Medical advances have allowed the opportunity for the life of an embryo from this very early age. The right to live is a basic human right. We do not have the right to kill. This is the basis and core of any civil and advanced society.

This law would also impact a medical practitioner or health care worker to go directly against their oath to 'do not harm'. An oath taken on graduation and taken with the seriousness required of the profession. If this law were to proceed, the medical practitioner would no longer have the right to choose their treatment based on best health care practice and evidence based practice. They would also potentially be forced into performing abortions which may be against their personal or religious beliefs.

The argument that women 'need to have a choice' is not relevant. We already have plenty of choices. Women and men have many contraceptive options available. Adults who agree to sex have to accept responsibility for their behaviour and be prepared for this with safe sex. The consequences of their choices shouldn't be murder of the baby. A woman has lots of choices about her body. Choosing to take contraception and be prepared is one. Choosing to take 'the morning after pill' is another. Choosing to allow life is another. Choosing to discuss options well before life is viable is another.

A baby has no choice. It is our responsibility and duty as a society to protect this life.

Please DO NOT proceed with this amendment bill.

Regards

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