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Dear Inquiry Secretary

Please include my comments below in the submission to the parliamentary inquiry on Mr Rob Pyne's most recent abortion bill.

(1) I question the bill's overall thrust: Termination of a growing baby's life. It is just NOT acceptable. It seems to me that the bill will allow termination of the life of individuals who would otherwise survive.

(2) Clarity about the position of health professions can be achieved by means other than allowing termination. Proper safeguards for BOTH the mother's and baby's life need to be considered. It seems to me that NOT enough emphasis is given to the right of the unborn. If people can be convicted in car accidents for causing the death of a unborn, surely a procedure which deliberately sets out to end the life of another needs more stringent restrictions.

(3) I question the right and the "greater" value as is clear in the proposed bill of doctors to make ethical decisions and judgements regarding abortions when other professions are just as qualified. For two doctors to give an opinion is not enough protection for the unborn. The legislation should insist that the mother's medical history, general health and social and support structures be included in the decision. We are after all talking about the value of one life over and above another...and risk to the mother's physical and mental health were the abortion not done is too vague an argument – more stringent measures need to be in the legislation, otherwise the termination in many cases is an excuse for birth control or "mistakes" or.... It is very difficult matter.

(4) I do not see any mandated time frame nor counselling for the mother (and the father) in this legislation. Events of rape are difficult but there are people who are alive and have been conceived as a result of a rape.

(5) A 50 m safe zone is an affront to the freedom of assembly of citizens. Other measures can be legislated to restrict harassment.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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