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To: [Abortion Bill](#)
Subject: Submission for Health (Abortion Law Reform) Amendment Bill 2016
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Dear Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to send in a submission on "Health (Abortion Law Reform) Amendment Bill 2016".

Clearly, our thoughts and laws are conflicted when only a set of opinions determine if one is convicted or endorsed for artificially terminating a pregnancy.

This bill proposes to confound this situation further by legalising artificial termination at all stages of pregnancy. This is illustrated by asking why one should arbitrarily draw the line at birth once termination is possible all the way up to that point. The application of this logic is seen in the thoughts of Peter Singer (professor of Bioethics at Princeton University) when he proposed legalising infanticide up to 1 month after birth ([Practical Ethics](#), 2nd edition, Cambridge, 1993). Lacking a logical foundation to restrict it, this bill faces us down the path for infanticide.

Secondly, this bill's proposal to establish "safe zones" around abortion facilities is one which is unworthy of a democratic society such as ours given this amendment's incompatibility with freedom of expression.

Given the above, I and 23,869 petitioners* who have previously signed against such amendments respectfully and strongly urge you reject these amendments in the interest of our women, pre-born babies and democracy.

Regards,
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Please also be on the look out for another petition on this numbered 2633-16.