

Health (Abortion Law Reform)
Amendment Bill 2016

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Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee

Parliament House

George Street

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Dear Sir/Madam,

In relation to this second of Mr Pyne's bill I would like to register my opposition to this bill.

I find it hard to accept that this issue is being dealt with again so soon after the first his first bill was dealt with. I do not see it as an improvement on the first bill.

I object to this bill because:

First and foremost, that it does not protect the most vulnerable in our society – the unborn. Surely our government has an obligation to protect them. Can we claim to be a just society if we do not? Some people dismiss them as foetuses but recently the Health Minister himself in question time in parliament actually referred to the ones who survived abortion as “babies”. Even then it seems that those who survived were not given the protection of the law though they were babies.

Secondly, it does not seem to require the second doctor who has to give approval for the abortion to make any real investigation in the case in hand.

Thirdly, the conscientious objection clause does not offer full protection to a doctor who objects to abortion – it has a coercion element to it.

Fourthly, the bill does not require full independent counselling mandatory for women who request an abortion.

For these and other reasons I see it as a bill that can only have lots of negative consequences for all parties concerned.

The truth is that abortion hurts all concerned in the process and most of all to the baby.

I respectfully ask that you as a committee recommend that the bill be rejected.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Smith

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