

Health (Abortion Law Reform)
Amendment Bill 2016

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

Dear Committee,
I wish to submit an objection to the proposed Health (Abortion Law Reform) Amendment Bill 2016.

Two points in particular concern me:

- The open endedness of this proposal means there is no safeguard for the welfare of the unborn child. Under this proposal, babies who could live unassisted outside the womb can have their life terminated.
- the Patient Protection zone. While any form of harassment and intimidation is deplorable, legislating safe zones has historically led to an erosion of free speech rights and freedom of religion. In Canberra for example, the safe zone now means that no one is allowed to even pray in the safe zone, as the act of praying is somehow seen as intimidation.

thank you for your consideration.

regards
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