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To: [Abortion Bill](#)
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The Health Committee,

please reject Rob Pyne's second Bill, the Health (Abortion Law Reform) Amendment Bill 2016.

The proposed requirement that two doctors must approve the abortion is not a safeguard but rather a smokescreen.

It is such because the second doctor does not even need to see the patient let alone be independent.

There is not even a penalty if a second doctor's approval is not obtained so how can this even be called a law if there are no consequences for breaking it?

There is no medical reason for abortions after 24 weeks because the baby is viable. Even if the mother does not want the child it could be easily adopted. The adoption waiting lists are long with only 54 adoptions of Australian born children last year. This miniscule number of adoptions is in stark contrast to the approximately 80,000 children who are killed by abortion in this country every year.

Please protect babies in danger of abortion and at the same time give infertile couples a real chance to adopt a child.

Yours sincerely,

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