

Health (Abortion Law Reform)
Amendment Bill 2016

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I'm asking you to reject this bill on the following grounds:

- 1) it proposes deliberately terminating the life of a viable human being. People are pronounced dead when the heart stops. Logically, they are alive when it starts, whether they have been born or not.
- 2) there have been a number of instances where babies have been delivered alive following a termination procedure. Delivering babies that are still alive, then allowing them to die without medical intervention that could save them, is barbaric.
- 3) many women suffer from deep grief, guilt and depression post-abortion. This fact does not seem to be widely understood or taken into consideration pre-abortion.
- 4) there is a shortage of babies available for adoption by childless couples. Most infertile couples would be very glad to adopt an unwanted baby.
- 5) Offering practical assistance and advice about alternatives to abortion could save the lives of some babies and spare their mothers from emotional pain. Exclusion zones around abortion clinics prevents this.

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