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I wish to explain in a very small way how abortion has touched and hurt our family. My daughter, Annette at the age of 28 years went and had another abortion. I did not realise she had even had one abortion, however my daughter said she had a few.

This was no backyard abortion, it was in a so called "medical clinic", in Sydney. The first I heard about this was when my other daughter, Christine phoned me and said "you better come to the Liverpool Hospital quickly, Annette is in ICU". I immediately went to the hospital to find out how she could possibly get to be in that condition. I was told she had an abortion.

My beautiful 28 year old daughter died as a result of this abortion. The abortionist cut my grandbaby into pieces, however instead of extracting all the baby body parts they somehow left some within my daughter's body. My daughter haemorrhaged, due to the infection and it was all too late by the time she got to hospital. Her blood count was so low, they tried to do blood transfusions but it was unsuccessful.

Annette was home from the abortion facility for a day or two, with no follow up. This lack of care is what contributed to her death. I also believe she never sort other medical attention due to the stigma associated with the word "abortion".

This death not only effected my family but the hospital staff too. The medical team did comment that they witnessed a young ladies death, that should never had happened. This really effected the good Doctors and nurses at the Liverpool Hospital.

So not only did I lose my grand baby but now I also lost my daughter. Abortion is like a suicide it has a ripple effect. It does not just effect the woman but it has robbed me of being a Grandma, my other daughter being a aunty etc. The anguish I have had cannot be described. I wish upon no one else to go through what I have lost, a number of Grand babies and a perfectly healthy grown daughter.

I feel that abortion is the only medical procedure that you sign all medical rights away; this allows those people no accountability and care. Annette had to sign these forms before her abortion. I do not believe she ever got good knowledge of what exactly would happen to her and the fetus/baby. I strongly believe that every person before they go for an abortion must receive independent counselling with all options, plus graphic details of what they are going to do to the baby and themselves.

Me and my family were offered no counselling or support after the deaths.

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