

Submission – Abortion Amendment Bill 2016

October 6th, 2016.

To the members of the committee,

I am writing again to express my opposition to the second amended Abortion Bill tabled by Rob Pyne.

My reasons for opposing this second bill remain unchanged. The core issue for me is the dignity of the unborn child as a human being, worthy of protection (as are all human beings) under the law.

I am particularly concerned at the establishment of safe access zones around abortion facilities. Whilst violence or abuse, humiliation or unkindness of any kind is never acceptable, I fear this aspect of the proposed legislation impinges upon a person's right to express themselves and to act upon their beliefs – in an appropriate manner, of course.

Women should have control over their own bodies and healthcare of course, but when we are considering abortion we are talking about someone else's body, another human life, and I believe no one has a right to take anyone else's life.

I ask the committee to consider whether there are other more helpful ways to support women with crisis pregnancies that still preserve the lives of our unborn children.

Regards,

Mrs Jacinta Birchley