

Health (Abortion Law Reform)
Amendment Bill 2016

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Re : Health (Abortion Law Reform) Amendment Bill 2016

To the Enquiry Secretary

I wish to address the medical conditions which may provide a 'green light' for an abortion as well as some general comments.

The wording in the summary makes reference to a pre-condition for post 24 week abortions; the greater risk of physical or mental injury to the pregnant woman. Effectively this means that all requests will be granted since all births present a greater risk of serious and even fatal injury and similarly with mental distress. Using this criteria, my wife could have argued that our first two children should have been aborted; we suspected the births would be difficult- they were, and caused injury and great distress for both of us, even days after the birth. But to pass a bill that allows an unborn child's life to be terminated in order to reduce or prevent an increased risk of suffering of an adult or adolescent is absurd. With this logic, it could be argued that children could be disposed of at any age.

When one considers that an unborn child can respond to music from the 14th week of gestation, and similarly respond to the familiarity of a father's voice spoken at close range, can feel pain and be influenced by the mothers emotions, one has to ask how, we as an educated, supposedly compassionate society, came to question the validity and value of human life simply because it hasn't yet seen daylight. We don't allow the murder of prematurely born babies, so why should we consider killing an unborn child conceived at the same time?

The notion that a mother has the right to kill because it's inside her body ignores the fact that she is the *carrier* of a fully living being that is a separate entity and not an intrinsic part of her body. Police are obliged to try to intervene when someone attempts suicide and yet here we are considering facilitating the right to terminate someone else's life. This unknown person's right to life is swept aside simply because of their location within a mother's womb. I trust the parliament will not only reject this proposed bill but consider

the harm that the existing laws permit.

I thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this enquiry.

Yours truly,

Peter Blaxland