

Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024

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Hi, I have listened to many arguments for and against abortion. Many of the arguments against abortion were never really promoted widely and well understood. Indeed there are many very valid reasons why abortion should not be done indiscriminatory as allowed by law, without any real checks or balances. Indeed there needs to be checks on the welfare of the women post abortion with mental and emotional support. That being said, I understand this bill is to ensure children born alive receive the best possible care including dignity to life. Indeed we should ensure the child is kept alive where possible, with all the technology and tools available. To do anything less would be criminal. Indeed we should treat this child as we would every other person who presents in our hospitals and medical care without any prejudice. Even if the mother (and or family) do not want this child. There is many options available for such children including adoption. At the very least it should be mandatory to provide the best possible care until death if there is no chance the child can be kept alive with the resources available. For the sake of the child, we request the best possible care be provided despite the rejection of the mother or family. The child as an individual has a right to life that should be protected as we all are under the law. We simply ask you to amend the legislation to ensure that every child born alive receives all the possible medical care available to continue to live or at least die with dignity and care.