

## Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024

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Public Submission by Kevin Rietveld.

Please regard this matter as one of human rights to which we as a nation have vowed to uphold and give your unqualified support to this bill.

My name is Kevin Rietveld, I am retired, but have worked with churches.

Life is always a gift, even in the womb. Life is precious, and medical practitioners and establishments have been set up for the purpose of promoting life - not destroying it. It is my firm conviction that all life needs to be nurtured, cared for and treated for its best possible outcome. Any child born alive, whether by natural or induced means, is a person in their own right, and should be accorded the best possible care that we offer to all those who live in this great land.

Sadly, neither unborn or born infants can make their wishes clear regarding their wellbeing and future. They need to be protected. They need to be given the best possible care irrespective of the personal (and often) selfish interests or wishes of their biological parents. Our nation through its legislative processes has the responsibility to ensure the best care for life is afforded to infants born alive under any circumstances.

Should the government through its legislation or lack thereof fail to offer the best care to infants born alive, this would be tantamount to contributing to the suffering and/or demise of such infants. Furthermore, the government would need to give an account to the people of why they have chosen to do nothing and so make themselves complicit in contributing to such inhumane (and dare we say evil) practices.

Sincerely, Kevin Rietveld

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