

Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024

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Public Submission by Glenda Hodge.

Good morning. My name is Glenda. I am a retired natural therapy practitioner. I believe that everyone on earth, whether young and old, should be treated with equal respect and dignity. Medical care is readily available to any person who is in danger of dying, irrespective of their circumstances, so why should a baby be denied the same care, simply because their circumstances are different. I believe that a baby who can survive the trauma and aftermath of such an ordeal is strong in body, mind and spirit and that such a child deserves a second chance. I think the most fundamental responsibility of any Government is to listen to all the people. The majority of people in this country are compassionate, kind, caring, honest, generous, fair and empathetic, and would not knowingly withhold medical care from a dying child. And while the Hippocratic Oath has changed over time, it still remains an oath of ethics. So, one may ask, "What ethical standards are being followed by withholding medical treatment from a dying child?" If this legislation is not passed, my main concern is that the current legislation, allowing late term abortion, remains open to exploitation and organ harvesting which is a multi-million/billion dollar world wide enterprise. Passing this legislation will allow for fewer babies to be available for organ harvesting as they will be protected and looked after through some form of medical care. As individuals we are faced with challenges and difficult decisions. As a community we are also faced with challenges and difficult decisions. Recommendations can be complex, with many perspectives to be considered. And often it is only in retrospect, as we consider the consequences and results of those decisions and recommendations, that we will recognize wisdom or folly.

Therefore, I ask that your recommendation to Parliament be guided by love, compassion and empathy; empathy for someone left alone to die through no cause of their own. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Glenda Hodge
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