

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

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My name is Sharon 'Maree' Jollow, I live in Korora, and I am an abortion survivor  
It seems that the criteria for pro choice advocates is, that whilst the foetus is still in the womb it is not classified as a baby, but once the foetus has been born and no longer attached to the mother, it becomes a baby.

On this premise, it would appear that to withhold medical care, would enter into the realms of medical negligence on the part of the medical staff involved.

Just like any case of child abandonment, if the mother doesn't want to keep the child, then arrangements would be made for foster care, with the possibility of permanent adoption at a later stage.  
It is a legal obligation in the case of children's welfare, that the government, and pertinent legal authorities, ensure that appropriate action is taken to ensure proper and adequate care of all children.  
The act of allowing non abandonment to a new born baby, whatever the circumstances, could lead to an abuse of the system in cases where mothers are informed that their child has medical issues or disabilities, which they are not willing to be burdened with, and even though the birth is not the result of an abortion failure, this loophole could allow the less medically sound medical agents to be coerced or bribed into subjecting a child to no medical abandonment at birth.

This is a very slippery slope  
The issue stands, that to not abandon a child in the wake of a failed abortion, should not preclude them from receiving adequate medical treatment at the time of their birth.

They are no longer a part of the mother's body, therefore they are an independent being entitled to full healthcare, under current legislation.

Sincerely, Sharon Maree Jollow  
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