

Health and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2023

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I do not agree with the proposed changes to the Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011 to clarify that, for the purposes of nurse- and midwife-to-patient ratios, a newborn baby should be counted as a patient when they are staying in a room on a maternity ward with their birthing parent. Scientifically and morally, a baby is a human being from the moment of conception and is protected by inalienable rights - foremost of which is the right to live and the right to protection by adults and provision of all its needs given its dependant state. Abortion denies the human rights of the unborn and also of those children born from failed abortion attempts. The child born from a failed abortion is a human being and has claim to those inalienable rights. These rights should remain and changes that attempt to dissolve and negate these rights should not be accepted but realised as unethical and inhumane. To endeavour to legislate murder, cruelty, torture and neglect is horrendous but to inflict the same on helpless and dependant babies is vile and heinous. Changes to existing law that might support such activities must be exposed and strenuously resisted. Furthermore, regarding the proposed changes to the Termination of Pregnancy Act 2018 and Criminal Code to –

- allow additional health practitioners to perform early medical terminations of pregnancy through the use of termination drugs
- make consequential amendments to the offence provision set out in the Criminal Code to align with the above change
- provide for more inclusive language by replacing references to ‘woman’ with ‘person’ in termination of pregnancy provisions

these changes are also an endangerment to human existence and safety. Doctors should not advocate or practice that abortion in any of its forms, should become a legal method of birth control. Birth control could be better termed as conception control. It is the conception control that sexually active and the medical professionals should be focusing their strategies on, rather than the taking of human life when it is already conceived. Conception control is the duty of every sexually active person and it should remain the responsibilities of medically trained professionals to promote the knowledge of how to prevent unwelcome conceptions. If an unplanned conception occurs, it is also the responsibility of the medical professionals to assist the pregnant person, to engage in the best health care for her and for the unborn child. No unborn child deserve to be given the death penalty for a crime they did not commit and in which the child had no participation. Biology shows that only females can become pregnant. Until that biological science is proven to be false, the unreality of males conceiving is simply a fantasy and Australian law should not recognise fantasies as facts. The proposed alterations to permit the provision for more inclusive language by replacing references to ‘woman’ with ‘person’ in termination of pregnancy provisions, should be denied on scientific fact.