

Committee Secretary  
Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee  
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Dear Committee

### Submission concerning Human Rights Bill 2018

The proposed **Human Rights Bill** has serious internal contradictions.

Inter alia the proposed Bill guarantees the following rights:

**“16 Right to life**

Every person has the right to life and has the right not to be arbitrarily deprived of life.”

**“20 Freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief**

- (1) Every person has the right to freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief,”

**“22 Peaceful assembly and freedom of association**

- (1) Every person has the right of peaceful assembly”

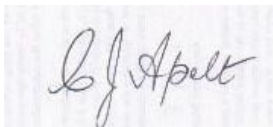
However, for many people these rights are denied by **Part 6 Savings and transitional provisions** that states

**“106 Act does not affect laws about termination of pregnancy**

Nothing in this Act affects any law relating to termination of pregnancy or the killing of an unborn child whether before or after the commencement of part 2. “

The Termination of Pregnancy Bill

- effectively legalises abortion to birth - entirely removing the right to life for unborn human beings and **denying the rights guaranteed by Section 16 of the proposed Human Rights Bill**
- compels doctors with a conscientious objection to abortion to refer for abortion anyhow - therefore removing their freedom of conscience and **denying the rights guaranteed by Section 20 of the proposed Human Rights Bill**
- imposes a 150 metre exclusion zone around abortion clinics **denying the rights guaranteed by Section 22 of the proposed Human Rights Bill**



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