PETITION

To the Honourable the President and Members of the Legislative Council of New South Wales.

This Petition of residents of New South Wales from across the state

Brings to the attention of the House our strong opposition to both the *Abortion Law Reform (Miscellaneous Acts Amendment) Bill 2016* and the *Summary Offences Amendment (Safe Access to Reproductive Health Clinics) Bill 2017* that have both been introduced into the Legislative Council

By repealing all laws punishing unlawful abortion, the first of these Bills increases the potential dangers to women by removing restrictions against unqualified persons performing an abortion including self-administered abortions and allows the abortion of viable babies right up until birth with no restrictions at all. Furthermore, it fails to include safeguards to ensure women give fully informed consent and overrides any professional or conscientious objection that medical practitioners may have to abortion.

This Bill disregards the reality that many women have abortions as a result of pressure, coercion, lack of support and/or domestic violence from others, particularly their male partners, and it removes protections for the health of women.
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The undersigned petitioners therefore respectfully request that the Legislative Council unanimously oppose both the *Abortion Law Reform (Miscellaneous Acts Amendment) Bill 2016* and the *Summary Offences Amendment (Safe Access to Reproductive Health Clinics) Bill 2017* when they come before the House to be voted on.

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