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ABORTION LAW UPDATE

Proceedings in Legislative Council 18 September 2019

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Vigorous debate has commenced in the Legislative Council concerning the latest push to liberalise abortion law in NSW. Yesterday 19 September, four amendments were debated across party lines, more amendments have been foreshadowed for future tabling and debate, and debate will continue next week for the rest of the bill. Below is a brief summary of the activity yesterday:

Amendments	Action in Legislative Council	Mover/Party	Nile Vote
156C Conscientious objection	Failed: 14 to 27	M.Latham/ONP	For
103D Conscientious objection	Passed: 31 to 10	N. Blair/Nat.	For
137B Consent and Disability	Failed: 14 to 26	G.Donnely/ALP	For
159 Sex Selection Abortion	Passed: 28 to 13	D.Tudehope/Lib	For

“Some people feel there is no need for such amendments and even for conscientious objection but many doctors who have spoken to me feel strongly about the issue— enough to cease operating as a doctor if their conscience were interfered with in the way some members would like to do. Those who have a conscientious objection to abortion were shocked that the Government supported such a radical bill, which has been given priority in this House.”

– Rev Hon Fred Nile MLC, Legislative Council, 19/9/19.

“We all know that children with disability are a delight to their families and to our society as a whole, and should be given all the love and care that is possible ... To eugenically discard them before they are born is a terrible blight on our society. We do not want eugenic abortions to become foregone conclusions ... This is another example of the bill that was rushed through the other place and is being rushed through the Legislative Council. Many amendments are highlighting deficiencies in the bill, which would have been rectified if there had been time.”

– Rev Hon Fred Nile MLC, Legislative Council, 19/9/19.

Reminder:

The NSW Parliamentary Petition to stop the latest push to legalise abortion in NSW is still under way. **Originals** should be returned as soon as possible to the address listed on the petition document. There is also an online petition to oppose abortion in NSW, which will be used in parliamentary debates concerning the Bill in the Legislative Council next week. That petition is located [here](http://chng.it/SgfTHWjm) (<http://chng.it/SgfTHWjm>).

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