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**MEDIA RELEASE**

Proceedings in Legislative Council 18 to 25 September 2019  
In relation to the NSW Abortion Law

**For immediate circulation**

Last night the Legislative Council passed the “Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019” which will be known as the *Abortion Law Reform Act 2019*. Below is a schedule of Amendments that were debated and either passed or defeated in the Legislative Council, and the date that they were debated, followed by a list of all Upper House members who voted for and against the bill as amended.

Also included below is a photograph of the “Letter of Protest” signed by the following Members of the Legislative Council: Rod Roberts (ONP), Shaoquett Moselmane (ALP), Mark Banasiak (SFF), Robert Borsak (SFF), Lou Amato (Liberal), Matthew Mason-Cox (Liberal), Courtney Houssos (ALP), Mark Latham (ONP), Greg Donnelly (ALP), Rev Fred Nile (CDP).

Amendments	Action in Legislative Council	Mover/Party	Nile Vote	
<b>18 SEPTEMBER 2019</b> [ <a href="#">link to Hansard</a> ]				
189A	Care of abortion survivor	Failed: 15 to 26	F. Nile/CDP	Yes
155	Care of abortion survivor	Passed: 35 to 6	N. Blair/Nat.	Yes
094B	Requirement to provide Counselling	Failed: 15 to 26	C.Houssos/ALP	Yes
107C	Requirement to provide Counselling	Passed: 24 to 17	N. Blair/Nat.	Yes

057H	Prohibition on Sex Selection Abortion	Failed: 15 to 26	D.Tudehope/Lib	Yes
<b>19 SEPTEMBER 2019</b> [ <a href="#">link to Hansard</a> ]				
156C	Conscientious Objection of Medical Practitioner	Failed: 14 to 27	M.Latham/ONP	For
103D	Conscientious Objection of Medical Practitioner	Passed: 31 to 10	N. Blair/Nat.	For
137B	Informed Consent and Disability	Failed: 14 to 26	G.Donnely/ALP	For
159	Prohibition on Sex Selection Abortion	Passed: 28 to 13	D.Tudehope/Lib	For
<b>24 SEPTEMBER 2019</b> [ <a href="#">link to Hansard</a> ]				
144J	Requirement for Data Collection	Failed: 14 to 25	G.Donnely/ALP	Yes
123	Requirement for Data Collection	Passed: 31 to 8	N. Blair/Nat.	Yes
086B	Review of Act from after 5 to 2 Years	Failed: 14 to 25	Mason-Cox/Lib	Yes
119	Definition: "Emergency"	Failed: 14 to 25	M.Latham/ONP	Yes
141	Requirement of Informed Consent	Failed: 13 to 26	L. Amato/Lib.	Yes
138	Criminal Offenses under the Bill	Failed: 14 to 25	Mason-Cox/Lib	Yes
095	Intimidation to Induce Abortion	Failed: 14 to 25	R. Borsak/SFF	Yes
147	Coercion to Induce Abortion	Passed: 30 to 8	P. Sharp/ALP	Yes

25 SEPTEMBER 2019 [[link to Hansard](#)]

166A	Provision for Pain Relief to Foetus	Failed: 13 to 27	G.Donnelly/ALP	Yes
059B	Prohibition against the Sale of Foetal Tissue	Failed: 14 to 25	Maclaren-Jones/Lib.	Yes
175B	Provisions concerning Abort After 22 Weeks	Passed: 23 to 17	D.Tudehope/Lib.	Yes

**FINAL VOTE ON BILL Passed: 26 to 14**

Below is a tally of how the Legislative Council voted on the Bill, as amended to date:

**AYES**

Boyd, Ms A (teller)

D'Adam, Mr A

Field, Mr J

Harwin, Mr D

Khan, Mr T

Mookhey, Mr D

Primrose, Mr P

Sharpe, Ms P

Veitch, Mr M (teller)

Buttigieg, Mr M

Faehrmann, Ms C

Franklin, Mr B

Hurst, Ms E

Mallard, Mr S

Moriarty, Ms T

Searle, Mr A

Shoebridge, Mr D

Ward, Mrs N

Cusack, Ms C

Fang, Mr W

Graham, Mr J

Jackson, Ms R

Mitchell, Mrs

Pearson, Mr M

Secord, Mr W

Taylor, Mrs

**NOES**

Amato, Mr L

Donnelly, Mr G

Latham, Mr M

Mason-Cox, Mr M

Roberts, Mr R

Banasiak, Mr M

Farlow, Mr S (teller)

Maclaren-Jones, Mrs (teller)

Moselmane, Mr S

Tudehope, Mr D

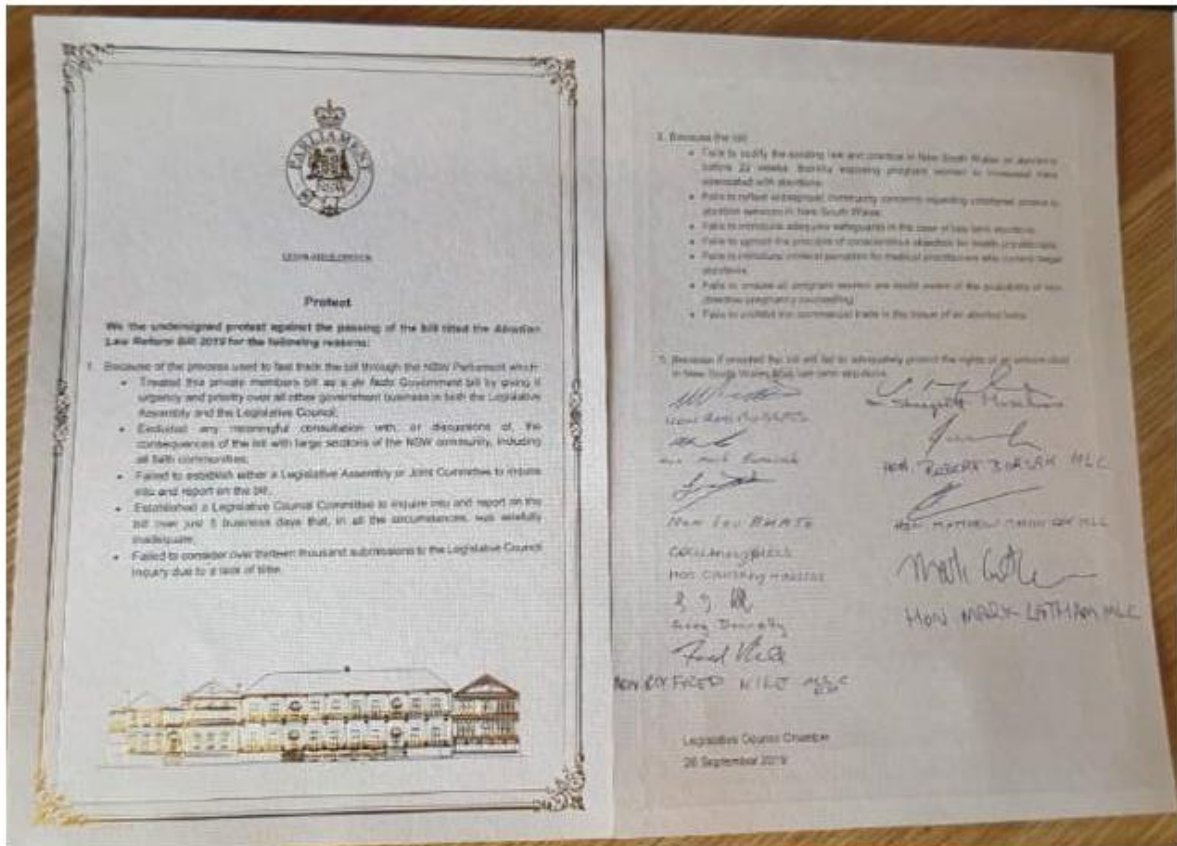
Borsak, Mr R

Houssos, Mrs C

Martin, Mr T

Nile, Revd Mr

## Letter of Protest



Above, signatures (left to right) are as follows: Rod Roberts (ONP), Shaoquett Moselmane (ALP), Mark Banasiak (SFF), Robert Borsak (SFF), Lou Amato (Lib.), Matthew Mason-Cox (Lib.), Courtney Houssos (ALP), Mark Latham (ONP), Greg Donnelly (ALP), Rev Fred Nile (CDP).

The text of the Letter of Protest is as follows:



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

## **Protest**

**We the undersigned protest against the passing of the bill titled the *Abortion Law Reform Bill 2019* for the following reasons:**

1. 1. Because of the process used to fast track the bill through the NSW Parliament which:
  - Treated this private members bill as a *de facto* Government bill by giving it urgency and priority over all other government business in both the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council;
  - Excluded any meaningful consultation with, or discussions of, the consequences of the bill with large sections of the NSW community, including all faith communities;
  - Failed to establish either a Legislative Assembly or Joint Committee to inquire into and report on the bill;
  - Established a Legislative Council Committee to inquire into and report on the bill over just 5 business days that, in all the circumstances, was woefully inadequate;
  - Failed to consider over thirteen thousand submissions to the Legislative Council Inquiry due to a lack of time.
2. 2. Because the bill:
  - Fails to codify the existing law and practice in New South Wales on abortions before 22 weeks, thereby exposing pregnant women to increased risks associated with abortions;
  - Fails to reflect widespread community concerns regarding unfettered access to abortion services in New South Wales;
  - Fails to introduce adequate safeguards in the case of late term abortions;
  - Fails to uphold the principle of conscientious objection for health practitioners;
  - Fails to introduce criminal penalties for medical practitioners who commit illegal abortions;
  - Fails to ensure all pregnant women are made aware of the availability of non-directive pregnancy counselling;

- Fails to prohibit the commercial trade in tissue of an aborted baby.

3. Because if enacted the bill will fail to adequately protect the rights of an unborn child in New South Wales.

[SIGNATURES]

*“Since 1953, when I became an active Christian, I have sought to be a consistent pro-child and pro-family campaigner for a caring, compassionate and responsible society ... Dr Clair Isbister, a leading paediatrician, has drawn attention not only to the exploitation of living children but also to those who are as yet unborn. She said: The most dangerous place for a child today is in the mother’s womb.”*

– Rev Hon Fred Nile MLC, Inaugural Speech, 25/11/81

*“Never have Dr. Isbister’s words rung so true, as they do on this dark today”*

– Rev Hon Fred Nile MLC, 26/11/81

**END**

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**26 September 2019**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred Nile".

Rev Hon Fred Nile MLC