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Submission to Enquiry into abortion and reproductive choice in ACT.

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I am A GP in [REDACTED] where I have been practising since 1980. I have been a registered doctor since 1971. Since 1975 in Australia. I do not refer for abortion, I refer patients seeking abortion to pregnancy counselling services. My patients know this and are happy with my view. When I was working full time, 3 years ago, I was extremely busy.

As a general comment, it can be said that the mental health of Australian women is at an all time low. The well known mood altering side effects of exogenous hormone use is certainly contributing, but also consider the effect of Government attitude to women. It's appalling that the result of one of the primary female functions, that of reproduction, is treated as rubbish, to be literally binned or thrown away, to be destroyed. What a message to women in general. A child is the most valuable, and the most beautiful, female contribution to any society.

The unborn child has no legal protection whatsoever. The unborn child is regarded with hostility, to be destroyed.

No wonder women are depressed.

I would ask you, for the sake of women, to please consider bringing in legislation to provide some protection for our unborn children, penalties to be directed towards abortionists, not towards mothers in their times of difficulties.

With regard to the recent judgement by the American Supreme Court, rights to abortion were not “removed”, the Supreme Court stated that a right to abortion was not in the American Constitution. Properly democratically, abortion rights are determined by each American State.

Finally, women, mothers, need support, not Government funded killing of their most precious child, which in other circumstances a mother would lay down her life to protect.