

National Human Rights Consultation Submission

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Submission Text:

Women should have the final say on whether they abort a foetus and the medical assistance to do so must be available free of charge at all times.

It should be illegal for advocates of pro-life to harass individuals who seek an abortion. This includes protesting outside abortion clinics where individuals go for help.

It should be recognised that women are able to be pregnant many times and have many children and that the rights of the foetus therefore can never logically outweigh the rights of the mother.

A foetus is not a child and is not entitled to be classified as having human rights that would conflict with the rights of a living human being.

The abortion inducing drug RU486 must be made widely available on demand, without lobbying interference from the church or from pharmaceutical companies pressured by the church.

Religious agencies must not be allowed to run centres that advise women about their reproductive options, since those agencies are at heart interested in the rights of the foetus above those of the mother. They operate in a state of conflict since they are unable to separate the church's view from the human rights of the mother.