Dear [Name]

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the *Abortion Law Reform (Health Care Access Bill) 2025* and my hope that you will use your vote to oppose the bill in its entirety.

In allowing abortion up until birth, New South Wales already has some of the most permissive abortion laws in the world.

While no data is kept on the number of abortions that occur in this state, it is estimated that somewhere between 25,000 and 30,000 abortions occur each year, which equates to 70-80 abortions every day.

Despite the lack of data currently available, this bill seeks to even further limit data collection, which does not appear to be in the best interests of women. Rather, the lack of transparency could facilitate inferior medical treatment being given without requisite accountability, placing women and the unborn at further risk than they are now.

The bill also proposes that nurses and endorsed midwives be able to prescribe the abortion drug mifepristone. Given the number of abortions each year indicate that abortion is already widely available, it is difficult to find justification for expanding its availability even further.

The proposal to require medical practitioners who conscientiously object to abortion to nonetheless refer a woman seeking an abortion to another provider would make them complicit in an action that they hold to be gravely wrong. Many who hold a conscientious objection would prefer to leave the profession rather than participate in a process that ends the life of an unborn child. Given this, the proposal is not only a breach of their fundamental rights, but also highly counterproductive.

The bill also proposes to empower the NSW Health Minister to require public health facilities – which include a number of faith-based hospitals – to provide abortion. Faith-based hospitals and other care facilities have been founded on a respect for the sanctity of every human life and the quality of care provided in these places reflects that core belief. Obliging them to act contrary to these values would be a complete rejection to the ethic of care of these institutions, and an unwarranted attack on freedom of religion and freedom of association.

It is my view that no amendments can improve this bill in a way that it will be acceptable, so I ask you to vote against it in its entirety.

Yours faithfully,

[Name]

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