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Submission to:

### the NSW Legislative Council's Standing Committee on Social Issues on The Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019

In Response to the amended Bill to be brought before the NSW Legislative Council we make the following points for the Committee's consideration:-

#### **Preliminary**

We are very saddened and upset at the lack of due diligence and considerations of Parliamentary procedure and principles of democratic process exhibited by the sponsors/promoters of this Bill. Any such drastic changes to any other piece of Legislation would have been subjected to rigorous review and been open for public representations to be made for several months. We ask that this committee review the timetable for the passage of this Bill to presentation and debate in the NSW Legislative Council for such process to be followed.

#### **Background**

1. We have been involved with support and counselling of women in crisis pregnancies and with women who are suffering post abortion grief as an organisation for over 30 years. Members of our organisation and associated organisations and groups, both staff and volunteers, have spoken to some 3,000+ women considering an abortion and some significant number of women grieving the decision to abort a child. We have an association with professionals from diverse areas who assist in their areas of expertise. Medical doctors, GP's and Obstetricians, Lawyers, Psychologists, trained and qualified counsellors and financial advisers amongst them.
2. Of the 3,000+ women we have spoken to some 600 or more have decided to accept our assistance and continued with their pregnancies and delivered healthy, happy babies.