

Dear Committee,

I am surprised that this Bill has even made it this far. With nothing but anecdotal evidence, it is a waste of time for this Bill to even be discussed.

This is a very thinly, transparent really, veiled attempt to bring back the abortion debate in Australia, as recognised by Greens Senator Richard Di Natale.

No one would argue that abortion due to gender discrimination is a moral practice. But there is no evidence it occurs in Australia. Conservative and backwards politicians nationally and internationally have embarrassingly admitted to having no statistics to support their claims, or even in Abbotts case- given the public wrong statistics. Mr Madigan was only able to encourage the support of a very statistically irrelevant number of THREE obstetricians, who were shocked (ie unaware and surprised to learn) that these practices occurred in Australia. Wonderfully convincing evidence Mr Madigan.

So what is their motivation? It must be that these conservative, old, male politicians are just anti-choice. And being sneaky about it. While they fuss about needing a Bill to solve a gender discrimination issue, they try to introduce legislation that DISCRIMINATES AGAINST ONE GENDER. Yes, that's right, the legislation being introduced will have no effect on these old, stale and MALE, politicians. It will affect the access rights of young, fertile WOMEN. I hope Australians can see what is actually going on here.

Kind regards,
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