

Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill

Senator Stott Despoja's Bill is just the first of a long series of steps that need to be undertaken in order to protect the reproductive rights of women in this country. Do remember that, according to the UN, safe abortion is a woman's human reproductive right. There will always be situations in which a woman will require an abortion, and no woman should be forced to have a child against her will (although, extremely late term pregnancies are not as simple as that). Allowing pro-life organizations, which hold archaic, inhumane and unrealistic views on abortion, to provide pregnancy counselling is absurd, and will surely strip women of their right to abortion, as stated by the UN, by filling their heads with anti-choice sentiment (abortion is wrong, is murder, is against god's will, etc). I feel totally ashamed that this government is so backwards in its legislation to protect women from the sort of anti-choice stupidity as is found in the white pages. There should be legislation introduced immediately to ban all anti-choice organizations, advertising, and severe penalties to those who try to persuade women that all abortion is "murder". This government is a disgrace. It is full of religious nut jobs, trying to push their dogma onto everybody else. This country must be kept secular. This is what happens when kids in school are taught such crap as "Jesus died on a cross to save everyone". Why is this sort of crap (indeed, all religion is crap) being taught in our schools? Just look at sub-Saharan Africa. A huge proportion of the population over there is deeply religious, with huge numbers of people praying constantly to be delivered from starvation and drought. Has any god ever come to save them? Of course no god has come to save them, and none ever will. If you want to survive, you must face the reality that gods don't exist, and work hard and cooperate to ensure survival. Why didn't god save Indonesia from such a devastating earthquake last week, or save them from that terrible Tsunami as well? Cause god is a fable. And it is religion that is preventing women from making their own minds up about what to do with their pregnancy. Once again, as is so often the case, women are the victims of religious stupidity. And let me tell you, having large numbers of Catholic schools in this country is not going to help, as they are extreme bigots when it comes to abortion. There should not be a school in this country that teaches any religion, not even for a second. And priests should not be allowed in schools, heck they shouldn't be allowed anywhere. Make them get real jobs. If the Government cannot maintain total secularity, then I say let the Chinese invade the country. At least they make sense with suppressing religion, and they don't prohibit abortion as well. Shame on the Senate, and shame on the government.