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Submission on the Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill 2005]

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I experienced an unexpected pregnancy as a 20 year old. I was given some advise from a biased doctor to consider an abortion, I wasn't looking for different ways that I could end my pregnancy just different ways that I could get support.... well none were forthcoming from her.

Pregnancy Support Centres that value life as opposed to biased organisations such as Family Planning and Children by Choice, offer women and their partners, practical support, counselling and a lot of options that involve support for a woman in a crisis pregnancy, they do not withhold information about abortion procedures but do not refer for abortions because their is a host of current research ,as well documented testimonies from women to say abortion actually hurts many women, both physically and psycholgically.

I have offered an abortion clinic in Brisbane some pamphlets from an organisation I know of that offers support for women who are pregnant and the abortion clinic refused to take them. When I asked them about their prochoice stand they simply gave a rude reply or 'get lost.'

So who are really the ones who aren't being honest about their services.....the money making abortion industry, or the mainly volunteer pregnancy support centres,,,,,,,, mmmmmm I wonder ?

I consider myself a feminist and as in the early tradition of feminists seek to uphold the rights of the unborn as well as the mother.

Could Senator Despoja please turn the light on over the largely unregulated abortion industry and consider giving more money and support to prowoman pregnancy support centres.... Why is she so intent on limiting womans options when it comes to an unexpected pregnancy ?

Kind Regards,

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