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The introduction by Senator Stott-Despoja of the *Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill 2005* is a subtle, deceptive attempt to undermine the vital and indispensable services provided to women and their babies by Pregnancy Counselling Centres (PCCs).

Senator Stott-Despoja, a committed pro-abortionist, has no concern for the welfare of unborn children who have equal rights in any pregnancy counselling. By not advertising the true nature of so-called "abortion services", the senator herself is not being transparent in publicising who are the real 'false providers', i.e. those who proclaim 'referrals for abortion' as a pregnancy counselling service. They deceive both themselves and unwary clients by not only denying the right of unborn children to live but also trying to hide the emotionally painful, traumatic effects of abortion on their mothers.

Abortionists want PCCs to be penalised for not including abortion referrals in their advertising since their own business suffers on account of the success of the "true providers".

If Senator Stott-Despoja really wishes to promote transparent advertising, she would withdraw this misleading and mischievous piece of legislation and offer a far more humane service to women by promoting the genuine services provided by PCCs who want to help both mothers AND their babies. The senator would cease pushing the false, harmful message that women somehow have a so-called "right" to end the lives of their unborn children.

It's time to stop turning the facts inside out in targeting PCCs for alleged failures in 'transparent advertising'. If penalties are to be introduced, they should apply to those who hide the truth about the devastating effects of abortion. "Pro-choice" and "Women's choice" must be seen for what they really are – anything BUT the transparent advertising of the reality of abortion and its consequences.

There is no place for this kind of legislation in a just, humane Australian society.

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