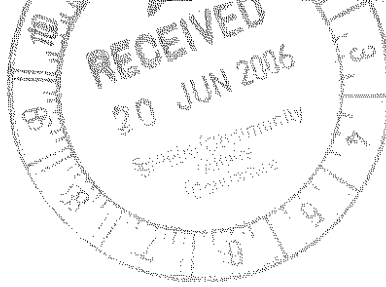


The Committee Secretary  
Community Affairs Committee  
Department of the Senate  
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Dear Secretary,

It has come to my notice that Senator Stott Despoja has introduced legislation into the Senate - The Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill 2005, to place restrictions and burdens on Pro Life Counselling under the guise that such services by PCC's advertise that - this service does not provide referrals for termination of pregnancy.

The absurd claim that such advertisements are, in effect, false providers for failing to include abortion recommendations in their counselling.

The real fake providers are those advertising abortion since they do NOT detail all difficulties associated with abortion - physical, social + psychological etc which can last a life time.

Such a law envisaged is without a doubt the WORST KIND of legislation that could ever be proposed, let it be quite understood that the consequences of the committee disregarding or downplaying objections could entail a litany of law suits charging that bias is tilted towards pro-abortion lobby. Can we envisage that any advertising that does not cover all avenues of a product is thereby classified as being a fake provider.

Truth, the yardstick of good legislation, must prevail. Pro life pregnancy counselling with material support helps women to continue and manage their pregnancies.

Senators Stott Despoja + Leslie Arnold should hang their heads in shame and withdraw their proposals for such a bill.

Thank you for your attention

Yours sincerely

Owen Clarke