

To the Department of the Senate Inquiry into
PREGNANCY COUNSELLING SERVICES

I hope that you will still include my submission in the inquiry.

I am a very busy mother of 6 children, wife and a full-time stay-at-home parent who has had considerable experience in the areas of Pregnancy Counselling.

My background includes work as a volunteer for pregnancy counselling, working with women who have had abortions, Christian sexuality values /relationships programs presenter in secondary schools, St. Vincent de Paul volunteer, and help in general to community/schools in varying capacities and family.

As my family has grown, my service outside the home has had to decrease for the time being.

I remain interested and always concerned about this most noble and worthy work; which is about "being there" for women and families at one of the most vulnerable times in their lives.

May we always cherish and welcome the gift of life .

May we always dignify expectant mothers with the support and encouragement they need.

Whether it is accepted is their choice.

May it always be incumbent upon us to offer support, encouragement and the truth.

Anything less is negligence.

Any attempt to bypass the truth about choices is to conceal hide deceive.

My submission is about women's "Right to Know".

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