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Committee Secretary,  
Community Affairs Legislation Committee  
Department of the Senate,  
Parliament House,  
CANBERRA, ACT 2600

RE: Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Repeal of Ministerial responsibility for approval of RU486) Bill  
2005.

**RU486 is a deadly drug.**

**Therefore we have no hesitation in demanding that the current process, which requires the  
personal approval of the Health Minister, be maintained.**

Pregnancy is not some dreaded disease that needs to be fixed with a deadly drug. Pregnancy is about a woman carrying another human being in her womb. Unfortunately for tomorrow's generation, the womb is the most unsafe place to be.

**We are absolutely appalled that female politicians would seek to impose such a drug upon their own gender.**

What male politician would vote for a drug to kill off men's sperm or any other part of the male sexual organs if that drug caused serious health problems and even death to men?

Senator Brian Harradine, having taken the time to actually research this concoction of chemicals which are steroid based and make up RU 486, saw the horrendous damage it would cause to women and so put in place, with Government approval, a safety net to protect women from this killer drug.

When the push for legalised abortion was first advocated in this country many years ago, we were told that women needed to be saved from the 'backyard' abortionists. Interestingly, these backyard abortionists turned out to be Drs who aborted babies in their surgeries after hours.

Under the RU486/PG regime women will self administer without medical assistance. When something goes wrong who will be there to help these women? It certainly won't be the politicians who are pushing for a repeal of the current system. This method requires at least 3 visits to a Dr. That is a lot of kilometres when you are out in the country miles from nowhere. In the city if things go wrong, the woman is likely to spend hours on a trolley in Emergency and by the time they find her a bed, she could well be dead.

We know from past experience that many drugs are not properly tested prior to being made available to the public. We also know that reports of many drug trials that do take place leave out vital information which would prevent them from being released to the general public. The trials conducted in the US on RU486 left much to be desired. Somehow they forgot to include the many adverse effects that women suffered as a result of this drug.

#### The Trials:

Under pressure from the Clinton administration and the FDA the normal scientific requirements were by-passed despite warning from researchers.

Those women who were excluded from the trials because they had the following problems were those with:

- High blood pressure
- Asthma and bronchitis
- Aged over 35 or under 18
- Menstrual irregularity, fibroids or endometriosis (most women are unaware of whether they have fibroids unless they have been detected by an ultrasound)
- Use of an IUD or oral contraceptives less than 3 months prior to conception
- Allergies, epilepsy, inflammatory disease, using cortisone or similar drugs, history of liver, stomach, intestinal or kidney diseases, smoking.....to name a few.

One therefore assumes that the women who participated in the trials were 100% fit and healthy. Yet many of these women suffered many problems which are listed in just about every web article on RU486.

We currently have 10 deaths reported as a result of this drug. Unfortunately the true figure is not known as the reporting of adverse reaction to drugs is entirely voluntary in the US. However, as a result of these deaths, a Congressional subcommittee has begun a major investigation into the safety of the dangerous drug RU486.

In France, the government requires that any facility dispensing the drug must have an electrocardiograph and emergency resuscitative equipment nearby.

What are the long term consequences of this drug upon women? It is known that RU486 does cross the blood follicle barrier and gets into the woman's ripening eggs. What negative health effects will this have on the reproductive system of both women and their subsequent pregnancies? Evidence would suggest that we have another DES (diethylstilboestrol) on our hands. We now know the problems it caused and will cause to the generation whose mothers took this drug. Scientific research has shown that RU486 can have a lasting effect on the tissues of the cervix and uterus. These structures and their proper functioning are vitally important to both the long term health of women and the viability of any future pregnancy.

Disturbingly, the manufacturers of RU486 in Europe are the direct descendents of the producer of Zyklon B – the lethal gas used to exterminate millions in the death camps of the Third Reich. The French pharmaceutical group Roussel-Uclaf (where the drug gets its name from (RU with the numbers being some of the numbers of the original experiment) is an affiliate of the German chemical giant Hoechst A.G. whose original name was I.G. Farbenindustrie. It changed its tainted name after World War II. Now the heirs of I.G. Farbenindustrie earn their money killing millions of pre-born children.

With the American patent going to the Population Council of New York, the name changing continues. Their history is similar to that of the European companies. The name of Danco Laboratories is interchangeable as well. Its history, also available on the internet makes for interesting reading. The very fact that the Population Council in New York is pushing this drug should make one very wary of it.

The manufacturers of Cytotec, an ulcer drug, (known as misoprostol), G.D. Searle (now part of the Pharmacia Corp.) recommends that Cytotec not be used for abortions. They state:

*“Searle regards the administration of misoprostol, either alone or in combination with other drugs to interfere with the course of pregnancy, as misuse of the product. We strongly condemn misuse of this product”.*

Further, on 23 August 2000, Searle issued a letter to all Health Care Practitioners entitled “IMPORTANT DRUG WARNING CONCERNING UNAPPROVED USE OF INTRAVAGINAL OR ORAL MISOPROSTOL IN PREGNANT WOMEN FOR....ABORTION”. It further states in part:

*“Serious adverse events reported following off-label use of Cytotec (misoprostol) in pregnant women include maternal and foetal death; uterine hyper stimulation; rupture or perforation requiring uterine surgical repair; hysterectomy or salpingo-oophorectomy; amniotic fluid embolism; severe vaginal bleeding; retained placenta; toxic shock; foetal bradycardia and pelvic pain.*

The “black box” warning on Cytotec’s label states:

*“UTERINE PERFORATION HAS BEEN REPORTED FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATION OF COMBINED VAGINAL- AND – ORAL CYTOTEC IN PREGNANT WOMEN TO INDUCE ABORTION. IN EACH OF THESE REPORTED CASES, THE GESTATIONAL AGE OF THE PREGNANCY WAS UNKNOWN”.*

Danco Laboratories announced that it is modifying the labelling for Mifeprex to include updated safety information following the deaths of 5 women from serious bacterial infection and sepsis following treatment with Mifeprex and Misoprostol.

The list of contra-indications for these drugs is extensive and the use of prostaglandins has been assessed by experts as constituting an “immune insult”.

Even China with its one child policy and forced abortions has banned all pharmaceutical sales of RU486 in order to guarantee patients’ safety and to protect their health.

As for the Australian Medical Association, we, the general public, have the right to know why so many of its members reject the Hippocratic Oath, the Nuremburg Declaration, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights etc..... the Helsinki Declaration.

Abortion is a barbaric form of death imposed on the most vulnerable of human beings regardless of whether it is surgical or chemical.

The information on the abortion-breast cancer link has been known for years yet unfortunately it has only been accepted when a pro-choice, pro-abortion, atheist does the research and discovers that in fact the link is there.

RU 486 along with misoprostol may solve the problem of pregnancy when a dead shrivelled baby is aborted however it certainly won't solve the health problems that will follow.

Over the years pharmaceutical companies have dumped chemicals and appliances into women's reproductive systems. These drugs and appliances have two things in common:

1. they were not properly tested before they were marketed, and
2. they damaged the health of literally millions of women.

Enter RU486.<sup>1</sup>

**We did not vote for a government, who, under the guise of a 'conscience' vote, are prepared to risk the lives of women while at the same time kill more of our future generation, just because some nations think that it is ok to do so.**

**A woman with an unplanned pregnancy deserves to experience unexpected joy, not death.**

This year our organisation celebrates its 90<sup>th</sup> year working for the betterment of women, children and the family at the local, national and international level. Forget about religion, this issue is about the damage that RU486 will inflict upon women and their unborn children, to any siblings, the immediate family and friends. Talk to any Post Abortion Counsellor who works with women who have aborted. The stories they can tell you are heartbreaking. It will be much worse with chemical abortion. They will have to dispose of their own baby

Should politicians vote against the status quo in this instance then they should be held responsible, along with the AMA for the damage RU486 will do to women.

**WE TOTALLY REJECT RU486**  
**WE REJECT ANY CHANGES TO THE STATUS QUO WITH REGARDS TO THIS DRUG**  
**RU486 TRULY IS A HUMAN PESTICIDE**

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<sup>1</sup> Annette MacDonald, Women for Women's Health (Vancouver Sun, 18/9/1992)