

New Testament House Churches

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Senate Community Affairs Committee
Honourable Senators,

Approval authority for RU 486

As you consider the question of whether the Minister for Health continues to approve applications to distribute RU486, please consider the following consensus of our church.

RU486 is also occasionally dangerous to the mother that uses it, especially in regions remote from substantial medical assistance.

RU486 is designed not to prevent conception, but to cause abortion. As such it destroys an entity that would in all normal circumstances have been born a human being. It is therefore prevarication to argue that a foetus is a mere 'collection of cells'.

What is at issue here is that the inconvenience – perhaps even hardship – of unwilling parents who wish to use RU486 is being weighed against the life of an innocent child. Surely, it requires little reflection to see that love-based justice must put life before inconvenience or hardship.

Of course, in this life we can each choose to be selfish rather than loving. However, God has set a day when everyone will have to answer for such behaviour, including for using, condoning or authorising RU486 to terminate human life.

Therefore, we urge the Committee to recommend that the Minister retain authority to approve RU486 and exercise that authority to prevent its distribution.

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