

PETITION AGAINST LEGALISED ABORTION

To the Honourable the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We the undersigned respectfully commend to the attention of the House that:

1. In 2009, a total of 8885 abortions were carried out in Western Australia, representing 22.3% of all pregnancies.
2. From 2006 - 2009, more than half of pregnancies in teenagers (15 - 19 years of age) ended in abortion.
3. Many abortions are carried out for suspected or identified disabilities.
4. Each year, around 40 abortions are performed on babies of greater than 20 weeks' gestation.

Your petitioners humbly pray that, in view of the above, you will commission an inquiry into the social and ethical impact that has resulted from the legalisation of abortion in 1998, with a view to changing the law to restrict the availability of abortions before 20 weeks gestation and prohibit abortions after 20 weeks gestation.

Your petitioners further pray that you may exercise your God given authority wisely and to God's glory.

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