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in the State of New South Wales

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From: The Moderator of the NSW Presbyterian Church, Richard Keith

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Subject: Abortion – Reproductive Healthcare Reform Bill 2019 (NSW)

The Presbyterian Church of NSW is deeply concerned about the Reproductive Healthcare Reform Bill 2019 (NSW). It may harm vulnerable women and unborn humans.

We love children. Children are our future. We honour mothers. Motherhood is a wonderful privilege to be celebrated and protected. Abortion is always a tragedy.

We join with many concerned citizens and organisations to insist that the widespread practice of terminating the lives of unborn humans is an evil which should be limited, not expanded.

We are seriously concerned about the way this bill is being rushed through parliament with no opportunity for public discussion. This kind of haste and secrecy subverts the democratic process which underpins the rule of law.

The proposed legislation puts no limit on terminations for the purposes of sex selection, nor on the termination of the lives of unborn children with disabilities who should be welcomed and cared for by our community.

We call on the NSW Government to delay consideration of the bill, and permit interested parties time to consider it and give the government feedback on the bill's potential impact on vulnerable members of society and on medical practice.

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