

PETITION AGAINST THE PUBLIC HEALTH AMENDMENT (SAFE ACCESS ZONES) BILL 2020

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

We, the undersigned, are opposed to the Public Health Amendment (Safe Access Zones) Bill 2020.

We are concerned that the proposed law denies freedom of speech and expression, and that it is so broadly drafted as to be open to misuse by organisations whose core business is to terminate the life of the unborn.

We are particularly concerned that the prohibited behaviours that are not defined in the Bill will be prescribed by regulations in future and could preclude pregnant women from receiving offers of assistance at a time when they may feel pressured and are seeking support.

We therefore ask the Legislative Council to inquire into why groups offering support cannot be adequately controlled by suitable conditions attached to police permits issued under the Public Order in Streets Act 1984 and whether sufficient authentic counselling and supports are currently in place to provide pregnant women with means for continuing their pregnancy to term.

And your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

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