



WE LOVE THEM Both

ABORTION: What does New Zealand *really* think?

CURIA MARKET RESEARCH released polling of more than a thousand New Zealanders in January this year. Half of you said you 'generally' support abortion, but the vast majority also showed very strong support for the current legal framework.

90% oppose sex-selective abortions

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65% want fewer abortions

65% agree that society should work together to reduce the number of abortions (only 17% disagree).

64% want women to be fully informed*

In an earlier poll, 64% said women considering an abortion have the right to be fully informed of the medical risks of abortion – and about the alternatives.

(*Polling by Curia Market Research in 2011)

56% of women want shorter, not longer, time limits under the Crimes Act

Only 9% believe it should be the current legal limit of 20 weeks, and just 4% believe it should be later than 20 weeks (including up to birth). Significantly, 56% of women think the time limit should be shorter than the current 20 weeks.

79% want parents to be notified*

In an earlier poll, 79% think parents should be notified if their daughter aged under 16 is seeking an abortion. And a poll of 600 teenagers (15-21) nationwide found 59% of teenagers also thought the parents should be told.

(*Polling by Curia Market Research in 2010/2011)

86% support the current legal standards for providers & premises

86% support the current legal requirements for providers and premises having to be licensed.

76% want safeguards against coercion

76% support a proposal that doctors be required to verify a woman seeking an abortion is not under pressure from a 3rd party (8% opposed).

46% believe abortions risk harm to mental health*

In an earlier poll, 46% agreed that women who have abortions risk harming their mental health as a result of the abortion. A further 21% were unsure.

(*Polling by Curia Market Research in 2016)

The **LAW COMMISSION** heard the same thing: 69% of the 3419 submissions either supported the current law, or wanted the law to protect the life of the unborn child.

The three models for abortion law reform put forward by the Law Commission are clearly out of step with what New Zealanders want. The proposed models would allow abortion up to birth - and would deregulate abortion providers and their premises. There's nothing to protect women from being coerced into an abortion. Nothing to ensure your daughter's school can't take her for an abortion without your knowledge. Nothing to prevent a woman aborting a girl because she wants a boy – or vice-versa.

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Only 18% of the 3419 submissions to the Law Commission supported treating abortion as purely a 'health issue' and/ or removing abortion from the Crimes Act.

Turns out New Zealanders love both women and their unborn children.

And we want the law to reflect that love.

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The full polling results can be viewed at familyfirst.org.nz/abortion

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