



WE LOVE THEM Both

ABORTION: What does New Zealand *really* think?

CURIA MARKET RESEARCH polled more than a thousand New Zealanders in January this year and last year. Although approximately half of NZers 'generally support' abortion, the vast majority also showed very strong support for a restrictive legal framework.

56% of women want shorter, not longer, time limits for abortion. 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)

90% oppose sex-selective abortions

Women are 94% opposed.

65% want fewer abortions

Only 17% disagree.

64% want women to be fully informed*

Informed about the medical risks of abortion, and about the alternatives.
(*Polling by Curia Market Research in 2011)

76% want safeguards against coercion

Doctors should verify a woman seeking an abortion is not under pressure from a 3rd party (partner or family member).
8% opposed.

69% support the current law or support a law which protects the life of the unborn child

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.

79% want parents to be notified*

Notified if their daughter aged under 16 is seeking an abortion. A separate 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)

47% believe that once a heartbeat can be detected, a foetus should have human rights and be legally protected (only 29% disagree)

When do you believe life begins?

Conception	36%
First three months	9%
Three to six months	5%
Once foetus is viable	12%
When child is born	18%

78% support freedom of medical professionals to opt out of abortions

46% believe abortions risk harm to mental health*

33% disagree. A further 21% were unsure.
(*Polling by Curia Market Research in 2016)



Turns out NZers love both women and their unborn children. And we want the law to reflect that love.

Bringing New Zealand back to life
The full polling results can be viewed at CHOOSELIFE.ORG.NZ/POLL