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His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia releases statement regarding a new law on abortion to be introduced into the NSW Parliament



Read the following statement from His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia regarding a new law on abortion to be introduced into the NSW Parliament:



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STATEMENT

Beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It is with much heartfelt pain that we have learnt that a Bill allowing abortion until birth will swiftly, unexpectedly and with no public consultation be introduced into the New South Wales Parliament this week.

Specifically, this will allow abortion for any reason up until five and half months and, up until birth with the agreement of two doctors. Further, doctors who object to abortion will be forced to violate their conscience and immediately refer a woman to another practitioner to perform the procedure.

The Orthodox Christian Faith and Tradition unequivocally teach that life begins from the first time of the conception, that the life of the unborn is sacred and infinitely valued by God, and therefore must be considered with the same dignity and worth we enjoy ourselves.

Tragically, the right to life of the indefensible unborn child is increasingly violated despite the protection and advancement of many other human rights.

Along with other Church leaders I have already written to our Premier of New South Wales urgently requesting her to allow time for proper public consultation before this Bill is presented for debate.

We also personally beseech the honourable Members of Parliament to express their opposition to the Bill and support vulnerable pregnant mothers by offering other alternatives to abortion.

We humbly and urgently request every member of the Church and every responsible person that cherishes the sanctity of life, ask their local state Member of Parliament to oppose this draconian Bill. It is their sacred duty.



Sydney, 31st July 2019

With fervent prayers to the Lord


Archbishop MAKARIOS
Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church of Australia

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