



WHO DECIDES? **ABORTION IS NOT A CRIME**

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**Dear:**

I am writing to ask you to consider the case for decriminalising abortion. As I'm sure you know, New Zealand women do not have the right to choose whether or not to end a pregnancy. Instead, that decision is made for them by certifying consultants under laws that are outdated, costly and ineffective.

More than 98 percent of all abortions performed in New Zealand are approved under the so-called mental health ground – a statistic that highlights not just the hypocrisy of these laws, but also how demeaning they are to women. When this legislation was passed in 1977, politicians had a “conscience vote” on abortion. I believe New Zealand women deserve no less than their MPs – the right to make their own decision on abortion.

**From:**

**To:**  
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