



ZONTA
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DISTRICT 16
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28 April 2021

Health Committee
Parliament Buildings
Wellington

By Hand

Kia ora,

I **attach** the submission of Zonta International District 16 Incorporated on the Contraception, Sterilisation, and Abortion (Safe Areas) Amendment Bill.

Our contacts are:

- Desirae Kirby, Zonta International District 16 Governor; and
- Helen Bowie, Zonta International District 16 Advocacy Chair.

We do not wish to make an oral submission before the Select Committee.

Ngā mihi,

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TO: HEALTH COMMITTEE

**ON: CONTRACEPTION, STERILISATION, AND ABORTION (SAFE AREAS)
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INTRODUCTION

- 1 This submission is from Zonta International District 16 Incorporated (*Zonta D16*).
- 2 We do not wish to make an oral submission before the Select Committee.

ABOUT ZONTA D16

- 3 Zonta D16 has been active in New Zealand for over 50 years. We are the New Zealand District of Zonta International (which comprises 32 Districts worldwide).
- 4 Zonta D16 is an organisation of professionals empowering women through service and advocacy. We envision a world in which women's rights are recognised as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential.

MAIN POINTS

- 5 Zonta D16 supports the Contraception, Sterilisation, and Abortion (Safe Areas) Amendment Bill (*the Bill*).
- 6 The Bill recognises the right for women to access abortion services with their safety, privacy and dignity protected.
- 7 Zonta D16 supported the enactment of the law decriminalising abortion. We believe that legislative measures to ensure such safety, privacy and dignity must naturally follow from the decriminalisation.

CONCLUSION

- 8 Zonta D16 supports the Bill in its entirety.