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Parents urged to speak up for the unborn

The Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT (CCSP) is urging all parents, particularly parents of children in Catholic schools, to speak up in opposition to the bill passed in the Lower House of the NSW Parliament last week.

As the bill now moves to the Upper House for further debate, CCSP Chair, Narelle Burke, says that now is the time for all who have experienced the joy of being a parent to speak up to protect innocent unborn children.

“We lament the result delivered by the Legislative Assembly last week and feel betrayed by our Parliament. Not only was this bill sprung upon the people of NSW and passed without appropriate consultation, it is both ill-conceived and poorly drafted.

“We commend the 31 State MPs who voted to support life. We now call upon the members of the Legislative Council to do the right thing by ensuring that this bill does not become law.”

“We call upon our elected representatives to defend the most vulnerable and defenceless members of our human family, to be a voice for the voiceless, by doing what is right and voting against this bill,” Mrs Burke said.

CCSP Executive Director, Peter Grace, says that parents and all other people of good will who value human life need to let our parliamentarians know that this so-called *Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019* both de-values human life and infringes upon the fundamental rights of doctors who conscientiously object to abortion.

“I encourage all parents to attend the **Rally for Life** being held at 6:00pm on Tuesday 20 August in Martin Place, Macquarie Street, Sydney. We need to make sure our parliamentarians know that any law that gives a green light to abortion on demand up until birth is not good law. As it stands, this bill fails to protect our most vulnerable and defenceless precious little brothers and sisters.”

“Because all human beings are made in the image and likeness of God, we must vigorously defend the dignity of the human person and the sacredness of life from conception to natural death. In doing so, we stand in solidarity with both the unborn and with all pregnant women and offer them our support. We call upon our legislators and the wider community to extend to pregnant women facing difficult decisions the compassion and practical support they need.

“Let us stand up for truth, goodness and beauty. This bill is none of those things. We want our elected representatives to do what is decent and right. We have an opportunity to send them this message on Tuesday. Please join us, but if you cannot attend, please pray that our lawmakers will embrace a culture of life by voting against this bill,” Mr Grace said.

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The Council of Catholic School Parents (CCSP) is the peak representative body for parents with children in Catholic schools in NSW.