

Do you trust the conservative Dail?

Don't let them wipe away what the Citizens' Assembly says



“Fine Gael Ministers do not believe the recommendations of the Citizens’ Assembly for the legalisation of abortion will pass ‘party, Dáil or country’ and will have to be significantly amended.” Irish Times, 28 September 2017. Leo Varadkar just stated he won’t even commit to how he may vote in a referendum.

How will you feel if the ban on abortion is lifted but the legislation brought in is so limited that it wouldn't help 95% of women who currently have to travel?

The Oireachtas Committee on the 8th Amendment is meant to come up with the detailed proposals for a referendum and legislation on abortion by Xmas. Fine Gael and Fianna Fail have a majority on it. The most they will concede without a fight is severely limited legislation that allows for abortion only in cases of fatal foetal abnormality and rape.

Sinn Fein only supports abortion in cases of fatal foetal abnormality, rape and life at risk. Labour - only if “substantial” risk to health. The Social Democrats had the same position though this is now under review and may be broadened. However, these parties must be persuaded that such restrictive abortion is no longer acceptable and would maintain a hypocritical ‘Irish solution’. They should now back the Citizens Assembly.

It's possible we could build up such pressure on the Committee that a majority are forced to support the Citizens’ Assembly recommendations. The government and the Dail would be in a difficult position if they then tried to go against its own Committee. In this way a referendum to repeal the 8th amendment next summer and legislation that gives effect to the CA's pro-choice proposals could be won.

Citizens' Assembly recommendations

✓ Upon request up to 12 weeks

✓ Fetal Abnormalities

✓ For health reasons

✓ socio-economic reasons

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Dáil must not block democratic vote

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The Committee or the Government may not endorse the proposals of the CA, but they have no authority to bury them. Ordinary people must have the final say on the CA's proposals. Whatever proposals the Committee won't endorse should be individ-



ually voted on in a separate plebiscite on the same day as the Repeal referendum, and if passed should become part of the legislation brought in post referendum. Such an indicative plebiscite brought abortion rights to Portugal in 2007.

There are clear paths to abortion rights but it won't happen if the Oireachtas Committee and the government is left to its own devices. The next 100 days will determine the character of next year's referendum and legislation. Act in time - get involved in ROSA's campaign!

Now is our Day - REPEAL & RIGHT TO CHOOSE IN MAY



Sign up to now ROSA's - Act in Time Campaign

Are we going to wait and trust the establishment parties when all the indications are that they will only allow abortion in very limited circumstances? Or will we launch an active movement that forces the Oireachtas Committee to provide a referendum and legislation for a woman's right to choose? We can deliver a historic advance for women's rights and freedom:

ROSA Public Meeting
Demand a Pro-Choice Referendum
LET US HAVE OUR SAY

Ruth Coppinger TD & Grace Gageby
7pm, Wed 4th Oct,
Filmbase, Temple Bar



The time is NOW - What you can do

- Contact the members of the Oireachtas Committee and all your local TDs.
- Help us organise delegations to politicians to discuss this issue with them.
- Sign up to ROSA's campaign of public pressure.
- Come to the ROSA organising meeting next Wednesday.

Ask the Committee members to support the Citizens' Assembly

Some on the Dail Committee are backward and religious fundamentalist in their views. Mattie McGrath (Ind) opposes abortion even in cases of rape and denies the existence of fatal foetal abnormalities. Peter Fitzpatrick (FG) regurgitates anti-choice lies like, "Denmark has set a goal of being Down's syndrome free by 2030". Bernard Durkan (FG) thinks

rapes are always reported the next day and can be "treated" with the morning after pill. However, overall there are 21 members in total including 6 from FG; 5 from FF; 3 from SF; 1 each from LP; Solidarity-PBP; SocDems and Independents4Change and 3 Independents.

To see who is on the Committee, go to rosa.ie

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