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Protect the life of the unborn child. Stop calling a baby "foetus" or "tissue mass" when the same words are not used in miscarriage when the baby is the same number of weeks old.

Women at the very least deserve an informed decision and all options and have counselling BEFORE any proposed abortions in extenuating circumstances. The unborn child should not be a victim as many people would love to adopt if situation is difficult for the biological mother to keep the child. A heartbeat should be enough to define a life. Measures should be made to give women support in their decision. Currently exact details are not given of the procedure to abort as it is traumatic yet when they realise after the event it is more traumatic.

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