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One NZ Herald columnist wrote at the time: "As the law stands, my 14-year old, who finds it difficult to decide what to have for breakfast, could choose to have an abortion without my permission, much less my knowledge."

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