

finding that “there is reason to doubt the lawfulness of many abortions authorised by certifying consultants”.

REASONS

[1] We decline leave to appeal on all other grounds raised by the appellant (being those encompassed in paragraphs 1.9–1.19 of the application for leave dated 28 June 2011) because it is plain that the legislation was based on the premise of the “born alive” rule, in the face of which the proposed arguments are untenable. Likewise the proposed argument concerning independence of counselling cannot succeed for the reasons given by the Court of Appeal.

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