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UNI STUDENTS STAND UP TO ABHORRENT ANTI-ABORTION LAWS

New South Wales Students hold counter-demonstration to 'Family Life Australia's' sexist, anti-choice celebrations.

St Mary's Cathedral Sydney— Led by Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Family Life Australia's right wing, anti-woman event wishes to demonise people who chose to have abortions with unscientific, alt-right rhetoric. Women students amongst NSW's several universities will demand autonomy over their bodies through mass counter-protest demonstrating how out of touch Archbishop Fisher and Family Life Australia really are.

"Students are so disenfranchised with the church and their anti-woman, prehistoric beliefs on people's bodily autonomy, this counter-demonstration is indicative of how disconcerted students are with the Archbishop and the NSW Government's outdated laws." Said NUS Women's Officer Abby Stapleton.

The NUS Women's department is concerned protests like 'Day of the unborn child' will lead to stricter anti abortion legislation. Abortion is already criminalised in NSW, and alt right groups want to make it impossible for people to access safe and legal abortions.

'Criminalising abortion does not save the lives of unborn fetuses, but pushes more people to seek out unsafe, dangerous abortions. These conservative groups want to put people in a position where they have no choice but to access risky abortions.' Said Stapleton.

The views of the Archbishop and Family Life Australia come in complete contrast to the needs and welfare of students, particularly women and members of the LGBT community. Students want to decide whether or not we have children, there is no place for alt right, conservative, christian groups in this discussion. The NUS women's department is currently running a campaign around why women need to fight back against conservative groups like Family Life Australia and the Liberal party.

It is vital that students come out on Sunday the 26th to support the counter rally and support students. The National Union of Students is encouraging all students to attend the counter rally and take a stand for progressive reproductive rights in Australia.

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