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Of course it's about abortion.

In taking the control of RU486 away from the TGA in 1996 the Parliament of Australia said in effect that it, and not the TGA, should make decisions about abortion. The decision had *nothing* to do with the scientific expertise of the TGA and *everything* to do with the morality of abortion. No other drug has been taken away from TGA authority.

Arguments about medical and scientific expertise are smokescreens. Bodies such as the TGA are not there to look at outcome morality. The AMA has got it wrong. Senator Vanstone has got it wrong. Removal of the ministerial veto *is* about abortion.

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