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Melinda Tankard Reist is entitled to hold whatever views she likes about pre-natal diagnosis and the decisions of women and couples to terminate their pregnancies in the wake of information they learn from such techniques. But Age readers should have the information necessary to put those views in context.

So for the record, Tankard Reist is a long-time high-profile anti-choice campaigner. A former advisor to former Senator Brian Harradine, Ms Tankard Reist authored two chapters in the 1994 book published by ACT Right to Life called *The Abortion Debate: Pro-Life Essays* and is a Director of Women's Forum Australia, which describes itself as "Pro-women & Pro-life".

She does not, as she told your reporter, support a woman's right to choose.

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