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Church shoots itself in the foot

THE Catholic Church is dishonest in claiming that the abortion Bill is in breach of the right to freedom of conscience and religion provided for by the Human Rights Charter.

The charter specifically does not apply to laws relating to abortion. The relevant section was included because of the lobbying of conservative religious groups, including the Catholic Church.

This should be a constructive and valuable lesson to the church. In seeking to deny the rights of women, it has effectively curtailed its own rights.

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