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The Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee
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To the Committee Secretariat,

I write to submit my perspective as a mother and grandmother living in Rural Qld. I wish to support the bill in its entirety.

I know too well that the restrictive and rare services offered to women across Qld to access Family Planning Clinics has created a great disadvantage to those residing outside SEQ living in Rural and Remote Qld. Unplanned pregnancies or those seeking terminations on medical grounds has left many a woman in a more stressful and anxious state than necessary. For eg. a woman living in the region near Mt Isa would be required to leave her family, work and other caring obligations for a no less than 21hr train ride to Townsville. From there more the 4-5 days before she can return to her responsibilities. This is not to mention the financial consequences for travel, accommodation, procedure costs and loss of income. This would be even more difficult for those from our Gulf and Cape communities that have little access to public transport and airfares when available are often in excess of \$1200 return.

The burden this places on a young woman or those with other child rearing duties is inequitable at best.

The decision to terminate has never been an easy decision for women and unwanted pregnancies being carried through just on the basis of affordability and accessibility is unconscionable.

I believe this discrimination will end when it is safe and legal to access services when **doctors are no longer afraid of criminal prosecution under archaic laws and when services could potentially be able to be carried out in our local communities.**

We should trust women to make the right decisions about their bodies.

We should support women throughout Qld to no longer face the risk of prosecution under archaic laws and I submit my support so that my grand daughter can have full autonomy over her body into the future.

Yours faithfully

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