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Abortion is a fundamental human right. This fact has been recognised by the United Nations via the International Covenant on Civil and Political rights.

Abortion is a medical need, that has been politicised and scrutinised due to its sex specific nature and the evolving struggle for women's human rights. The belief of when conception occurs is irrelevant to the person who is suffering from foetal anomaly that threatens her life and medically necessary procedures should never be denied on the basis of political whim.

Abortion in Queensland is currently illegal but accessible to women in the city. The women of Queensland and Australia and globally have a right to access safe medical procedures. It is a known fact that criminalising abortion doesn't prevent abortion, it only creates unsafe medical practices performed on desperate women. If abortion is unpalatable, the answer isn't in denying women essential services, it is in education of safe sexual practices and widespread accessibility to affordable birth control.

However, even wanted and much anticipated babies can die in Utero, and it is a cruel and barbaric practice to deny a woman a necessary abortion due to other people's ideas on life and birth.

Queensland should decriminalise abortion immediately to send a message to half of its population that it will care for them in times of medical need. There is no other medically necessary procedure that is denied a person based on political grounds. It is a disgrace and testimony to how far we need to go concerning women's rights that it is not currently legal.

Women have the right to abortion already, it is simply up to Queensland parliament to decide if they will unjustly deny women that right, or if you will accept women as fully autonomous human beings with self determination and the knowledge of what is best for their own body.

There will be push back from those who oppose abortion based on emotional appeals. Those appeals cannot override objective scientific fact, which is that sometimes, things go wrong in Utero and abortion can be a life saving procedure. That is not to say abortion should only be given to the worst case scenario. Family planning is important and women also have a right to decide when and if they become mothers. If someone else believes that is not her right, that is their opinion and only that. Their opinion does not supersede a woman's life choices.

The benefits of safe, legal and accessible abortion for all is well documented and further reaching than women's lives alone. Every baby deserves to be a wanted child and when women have the right to determine their destiny biologically, everyone benefits. The fastest way to progress both here and internationally is to focus on women's human rights, and legalising abortion is a very fundamental basic first step to recognising women's full humanity.

Trust women to make decisions over their medical health. Women already bear the brunt of responsibility for child rearing, it's time we gave them the rights to match.

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