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I believe that a Queensland State Government Select Committee is in the process of considering abortion law as it currently stands and possible changes with a view to recommending to the House any changes that might be considered.

From the time that abortion was first considered a crime and was duly legislated as such by parliaments consisted entirely of male politicians, religious believers have insisted that abortion is religiously and morally wrong, and not taking heed of what women themselves believe is their right to make decisions about their own bodies and lives. I smugly suggest that were the genders reversed, that men would certainly not agree to such constraints on their personal liberties.

Most women who undertake abortions do so with reluctance, given the moral environment which underpins our society (ie. the sanctity of life). However, given that their decision to abort a foetus is taken with many other factors in mind, longterm they regard the decision as satisfactory. The longterm health of the mother and her children is fundamental to their enjoyment of life. Any impediment to that must be seen as unjust and untenable in our present-day society.

Women have a right to be in charge of decisions about their health and well-being, to be treated with dignity and kindness in those times of serious decision-making and not being treated as criminals or wrong-doers in the process of seeking a termination.

I support the decriminalising of abortion and the setting up of processes to facilitate terminations with a minimum of legal, moral and medical interference.

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