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To: abortionlawreform

Subject: Abortion Law Reform (Women's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill 2016

Date: Tuesday, 28 June 2016 4:32:03 PM

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing in support of the proposed bill, as I believe it is the right of women and their doctors to make this decision without the threat of prosecution. In my opinion, the issue of whether to have an abortion is a purely medical matter that is nobody's business besides the woman and her medical practitioner. I do not believe that the State should be involved, and I definitely do not believe that organised religions, as bastions of patriarchy, should have any say over what a woman chooses to do with her body.

Moreover, I believe that the Government should legislate to ensure that no faith-based service can be funded to provide counselling services. I note that the only counselling service funded by the Government in Mount Isa is run by Centacare, a Catholic-run group, which means that on issues of abortion, contraception, sexuality, non-traditional marriage and relationships, abuse by clergy to name a few, they have an inherent conflict of interest in the way they deal with their clients.

Cheers,

