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Dear all,

Please see a piece which will be published in the Courier Mail in coming weeks.

It covers the main points which demand that we must end Qld's repressive abortion laws:

- The blanket prohibition of the Qld abortion law is repressive
- Doctors and pregnant women are forced to skirt shaky ground where the law is unclear
- Women can obtain abortions interstate and by illegal means (made easier by the abortion drug RU486)
- Laws prohibiting abortion do not reduce the number of abortions
- This is the only medical procedure which is criminalised in QLD
- 80% of Australians think abortion should be legal
- 1 in 3 women has an abortion at some stage in her life
- The hysteria over later term abortions by pro lifer's, highlights acknowledgement that human rights are acquired gradually. Thus, full human rights do not commence at conception.
- The law must have clarity and must reflect community sentiment
- The law is currently inconsistent with current notions of women's rights
- The law is not cogniscent of current medical practices, nor does it appropriately allow for circumstances which arise during pregnancy where a termination might be considered: such as, foetal abnormality which does not threaten mother's wellbeing.

Best regards  
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