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As a citizen of Queensland I am writing in support of the proposed reform to legalize abortion.

Women's access to planned and safe parenting - and abortion as a means to control this - is a right. Women's choice over sexual reproduction also creates fundamental shifts in the lives of women and the benefits of communities. Having control over their reproductive rights enables women to make choices about leaving unsafe relationships, not only from the reality of care for children, but the economic independence that women can achieve if not burdened with care responsibilities, as well as dependence on males.

People need to be ready to parent and if a woman is in a circumstance that means they are not ready, they should not be forced, by the threat of breaking the law, to become a parent. Our social support systems are burdened by families under pressure, struggling to provide safe and secure lives for their family, especially their children. Being ready for this experience should be paramount.

Additionally, children born into immature relationships, or to parents that are emotionally or socially isolated, disadvantaged, traumatized, or coerced into their parenting roles, don't have the same nurturing experience generalized by the arguments from pro-life community groups.

Please support this reform and assist women to self determine their opportunities in life.

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