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To: <u>abortionlawreform</u>

Subject: Abortion Law Reform Submission

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Dear Committee,

I am writing in support of this Bill. Access to safe, legal and affordable termination of pregnancy services is necessary for the health and wellbeing of Australian Women and is internationally recognized as a key sexual and reproductive right.

As an atheist, I am appalled that many of the submissions to the committee are by people seeking to impose their own religious beliefs on others. Almost a quarter of Queenslanders are not affiliated with any religion according to the latest census. That number is expected to increase. We are not living in a theocracy - why should what the bible says have any bearing on laws that will dictate how we all live?

I find the idea that a woman should have no control over decisions about her own body highly objectionable. I urge the committee to recommend the Bill be adopted and Abortion removed from the Criminal Code.

Sincerely,
Catherine Collins