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## Abortion Law Reform (Woman's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill 2016

As a 4th year medical student with an interest in obstetrics and gynaecology I believe that abortion should be legal and easily accessible. Queensland's laws on abortion are overdue for reform and health guidelines need to be created to protect women who access this vital health service whenever they choose to. Legal abortion is safe and would help women in Queensland care for their reproductive health in a way that suits them. It is vital for the mental and physical well being of Queensland women that they be allowed to legally and easily access this service without fear of being charged for committing a crime. Additionally, doctors who provide this important service need protection so new guidelines should be created to ensure abortion is an accepted medical practice for General Practitioners and Obstetrician Gynaecologists to perform. This will help create an environment where abortion is more accessible and will be a positive step forward for Queensland.