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To: <u>abortionlawreform</u>

Subject: I write in support of the Abortion Law Reform (Women's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill 2016

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To the Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee

I write in support of the Abortion Law Reform (Women's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill 2016.

Abortion should be removed from the criminal code in Queensland. Abortion should not be considered a crime. It should be covered by legislation covering any kind of surgical or medical treatment. Abortion should be provided in the public system, giving access to all women, not just women who can afford it. The ability to terminate an unwanted pregnancy is a fundamental human right. Women should have total control over what happens to their bodies.

I urge this committee to recommend that abortion be removed from the criminal code and put into health legislation.

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