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

I would like to state that I support Abortion Law Reform (Women's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill 2016. Abortion should not be considered a crime, and should be removed from the criminal code in Queensland.

Women have the right to control what happens to their bodies. Forced pregnancy is barbaric and can negatively effect women's health and general wellbeing, pregnancy and birth can be risky to women's health and women can suffer long term complications - more so than a chemical or surgical pregnancy termination.

I would additionally suggest increased funding to services that help women make decisions about what is best for them, such as organisations like Children by Choice, that offer counselling to women with unplanned pregnancies, and to sexual assault services, that help women who have suffered sexual violence.

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

Regards,

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