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To: [Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee](#)
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Dear Parliamentarians,

My name is Judith Ann Hunter of [REDACTED] Ph [REDACTED]
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I am writing to express my deep concern about the Bill before Queensland Parliament to amend Health Legislation and, in particular, in relation to so-called conversion therapy. The intention of the bill is to insert the section about conversion therapy in the chapter entitled Child Health. I am concerned about the timing of the introduction of this amendments bill to Parliament at the end of November and the closing of the submissions today - I have only just realised that they close at midday. Time is too short! I wish to write more. I also believe that there has not been enough publicity to this very serious matter.

I believe that information given to MPs has been very misleading and should be clarified before the bill is voted on. The proposed amendment is very negative and deceptive in its description of conversion therapy, including methods that are no longer practised, but also including very beneficial methods of counselling. Medical practitioners should not be criminalised for seeking to help young people.

What the proposed amendments bill describes as not being conversion therapy is far more invasive and destructive.

Please take this segment of the proposed bill back to the drawing board to be rewritten, when there has been sufficient public awareness and opportunity to respond to what is being proposed.

Yours faithfully,
Judy Hunter

I ask that you delay the vote a