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I support the decriminalisation of abortion in Queensland, and the repeal of sections 224, 225 and 226 from our 1899 Criminal Code.

I believe that the proposed reforms laid out in this new bill will address the Committee's concerns with a straight repeal of our Criminal Code statutes.

To that end, I support the Health (Abortion Law Reform) Amendment Bill, in conjunction with the Abortion Law Reform (Woman's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill.

In addition, I urge the Committee to recommend that both bills are debated and voted on together as a package on the floor of parliament, to reflect the intent of the two pieces of legislation.

and these are some of the reasons why when women have choice men who cannot support a family also have choice.

In the sixties backyard abortions resulted in sterilisation and sometimes death. Whether one believes in the rights of the unborn child sons as well as daughters or not when the pregnant girl or woman has no support from the potential father nor the society she 'lives' in then we shall see more infanticide.

The media is only covering a fraction of the tragedy caused by the helplessness of the most vulnerable.

The law needs to recognise the choice of the one who makes the greatest sacrifice, the mother even if the law is abused by a fraction of those who need to make the decision to 'prune' this season of drought.

For those in a position to pass the laws I urge you to speak with people like me who have suffered from the lack of choice and carry the scars for life. No mother chooses death over life, the burden of the lost children or the sense of stolen children when the children could not be carried to full term and cared for.

Look after the mother and the mother will look after you.

Elvie Pikler

Sent from my iPhone