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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.

You can email your submission to abortion.bill@parliament.qld.gov.au and remember that they're due by 4pm on Thursday 6 October.

Information on the second bill, including the bill itself, explanatory notes, and additional details of the inquiry, are available on the state parliament website.

Catherine Crotty

From: [Catherine Crotty](#)
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Dear MPs

My sister, my female best friend (who was pregnant) and my male best friend (whose girlfriend was pregnant) have all gone through the guilt and self-hatred following an abortion. As if the self inflicted hatred, the guilt and also the hormonal changes and depression isn't enough, not only are we told that it is MORALLY wrong but also LEGALLY wrong.

Please don't make women suffer any further by have to surreptitiously sneak away from their home so to avoid breaking the law. Once a woman or girl has come to the heartbreaking (and is it heart breaking) decision to do such a thing, the more that society tells her that it's bad, the longer she will suffer.

But the legal ramifications do nothing compared to what women do to themselves. My best friend and sister both fell into a 18 month depression after their abortions because they did not get mental health help.

Please focus on doing good for the community, put funding into helping women feel ok about the decision they were forced to make. This is the first step.

Everyone has sex, this is just common sense. I'm so glad that my sister had an abortion at the age of 18 and she is now 28 and living in Africa working to help hundreds and thousands of communities and children. Had she had a child, she wouldnt have been doing that. She would be in Australia, on welfare, uneducated with a child. It doesnt just make moral sense but also Economic sense.

Please stop embarrassing the world and the nation with the religious dogma and just make the change.

Yours Faithfully