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To: [Abortion Bill](#)
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Dear Committee members

Please consider my submission regarding the Health (Abortion Law Reform) Amendment Bill 2016.

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.

It is vitally important that Queensland women have access to safe medical care to enable them to make their own choices about their bodies and reproductive rights, and this Bill, including the designated safety zones around abortion facilities will help to achieve this. 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.

Thank you for your consideration of this submission.

Yours sincerely

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