

**From:**  
**To:** [Abortion Bill](#)  
**Subject:** I support the decriminalisation of abortion in Queensland  
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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.

Queensland girls and women have suffered too great an emotional and financial cost and trauma for far too long, to continue waiting for abortion to be decriminalised in our state. I find it barbaric that in 2016 we still do not have autonomy over our own bodies and reproductive choices.

Sincerely,

Kathleen McLeod