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To: [Abortion Bill](#)
Subject: I support the decriminalisation of abortion in Queensland
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To Whom It May Concern,

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.

It is the decision of individuals whether they wish to terminate a pregnancy (safely, of course!), as it may be accidental, unwanted or just not the right time.

Think about the consequences of a 'surprise' pregnancy upon 2 young people, in the middle of their university studies with successful lives ahead of them. It is not necessarily unwanted, but this probably will just be the wrong time. In many cases, one may have to drop out of uni to raise the child whilst the other one studies full time and works full time to provide for the child. That child is not going to have the life or the opportunities that it could have if it occurred slightly later in life. And those new young parents are not going to be able to live their life the way they should.

Sometimes pregnancy happens and it is just not the right time. And that is ok. And it should be ok for that couple, or individual, to make the decision to terminate that pregnancy, to the benefit of all parties involved.

Kind regards,
Harriet Weedman