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By email: abortion.bill@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Queensland Parliamentary Committee,

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

It is my view that in this era a woman should have the right to choose whether it is suitable and the best thing for her (and any unborn fetus) to be pregnant, and have a child.

There are many cases where woman I personally know, were not ready to become a mother, and during pregnancy did not treat their bodies the way a woman carrying a child should. In particular, I note that drug and alcohol use whilst pregnant is known to have life long effects on the child (ie. Alcohol fetal spectrum disorder). To this end, I believe a woman should have a Choice.

Further, I know of young mothers who have a child in a time of their life when they aren't prepared, supported, nor ready to have a child. These young mothers struggle to work whilst managing a child, and therefore fall back on government payments for long-term support. This mother's life may have been drastically different if she had a Choice.

In any case, shouldn't a woman have a Choice when she knows she cannot provide that unborn child with the best opportunities, future, and childhood, that all kids should have growing up?

Do we really still live in a Draconian age where a woman is forced (by law) to have a child?

I believe that the proposed reforms laid out in the referred to 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. 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.

In conclusion, I ask that Queensland's legislative body put the abovementioned legislation in place that values woman's reproductive rights, and align us with many other national and international jurisdictions that have done so previously.

Yours sincerely,

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