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To: [Abortion Bill](#)
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Dear Research Director,

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

Regards,

Dr Paavi Davidson

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Health (Abortion Law Reform) Amendment Bill 2016

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The Committee of Inquiry into Abortion Law Reform
Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee

Dear Committee Members,

As laid out in my submission regarding the Abortion Law Reform (Woman's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill, I support the decriminalisation of abortion in Queensland, and the repeal of sections 224, 225 and 226 from our 1899 Criminal Code.

I was heartened to read the committee's considered report detailing the difficulties of the current Queensland situation, but disappointed that repeal was not recommended. I hope that the proposed reforms laid out in the *Health (Abortion Law Reform) Amendment Bill* will address the Committee's concerns.

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.

Yours sincerely,

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