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To Whom it May Concern
Please find following, a letter from

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To the Committee Qld Abortion Law Reform:

I came to your public hearing in Emerald. I sat and listened and was a little more encouraged than I had expected to be. I thought your panel members were balanced in their questions for and against.

What I would have said if I'd had the chance wouldn't have been too well documented, but it would have come from my heart.

I am a Nanna, a Mother, a Sister, a Wife, a Businesswoman and a Farmer. I have never had an unplanned or unwanted pregnancy. I've been around long enough to experience the trauma of abortion and the real-life experience of an abortion decision on a woman.

As a young teenager, I had a good friend who had just begun an apprenticeship, and became pregnant by mistake. She was advised to terminate, and she agreed. On reflection, I see she was so young and scared and not equipped to make such a huge decision.

More recently, a close friend who had to make a decision on a long-awaited IVF pregnancy, following test results showing a high risk of Down syndrome. I thought about the reality for her of raising a child with disabilities, at an age when most women are planning more holidays and less work. So, I just want the committee to know that I come at this subject with compassion and some real-life experience.

However, I'm a Christian. I believe that all life is sacred and we do not have the "right" to end it.

While opening and filing mail in my office this week, I found a PETA flyer asking me to contribute \$15 a month to help save cats and dogs. The flyer listed the following facts: 1. Did you know that a cat blinks for at least a minute before dying after being skinned alive? 2. Did you know that the trade in animal skins sees cats and dogs caged for long periods of time and sometimes starved?

I do not condone any form of animal cruelty (nor will I ever fund PETA's activities) but I wondered, what if we sent out a similar flyer explaining abortion? Would people sign up and help to save babies? Or is it all a bit too uncomfortable to think about?

Come on people. If we allow our State to bring in these new abortion laws, we are headed down a very slippery slope. We are human; we are here to care for each other. We are NOT here to judge each other's choices, but we are here to stand up when something is wrong. This is wrong Queensland. Don't move forward with it.