

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Abortion Bill](#)
Subject: Health (Abortion Law Reform) Amendment Bill 2016
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express concern regarding Health (Abortion Law Reform) Amendment Bill 2016. A number of months ago, I heard about an abortion health reform bill, and found the bill, read it through, signed petition against it, and wrote some letters/ emails expressing concerns I had.

It now seems that there is a second abortion health reform bill ... and I haven't heard if the first has been addressed / discussed / decided yet. This confuses and annoys me.

Ok, so now, I have tracked down the 'new' bill - Health (Abortion Law Reform) Amendment Bill 2016 - and honestly it seems a mishmash! ... I do not have a health or political background, but it is obvious that item 20.1 and 20.3 contradict each other. *A person who is not a qualified health practitioner must not perform an abortion. ... and then A woman does not commit an offence against this 5 section by (a) performing an abortion on herself; or (b) consenting to, or assisting, in the performance of an abortion on herself. ???*

In my ignorance and naivety, it seems as though the first bill will be dropped (having drawn community complaints etc), and the second go through 'under the radar.' Which does not seem good governance. I totally understand that standards may have changed, and that laws need to be reassessed - but clarity and transparency surely demand one bill on a topic at a time.

If the second bill is to be discussed, surely the community comments from the first bill should be assessed, and applied to the second bill if applicable. ??

Many thanks for your time
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In the concept of friendship you can challenge one another - Dr. Nabeel Qureshi