

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Abortion Bill](#)  
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Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my sincere hope that you will not support the Abortion Law Reform (Women's right to Choose) Amendment Bill 2016, which is currently before the Queensland parliament.

Given the gravity of the woman's choice to abort, we have an obligation to dedicate serious consideration to the arguments and justification that allow such a procedure to take place.

Abortion has effectively been legal in Australian states for more than 40 years, although it has remained in the Criminal Code. No woman has ever been jailed for or even convicted of an illegal abortion in the 117 years the law has been in place.

Decriminalisation of abortion would mean abortion would be legal in Queensland for any

reason at all, effectively until the moment of birth.

A new human life gestating in the womb is neither more nor less significant than that of the Mother. Both lives are deserving of support and protection.

Wherever there is uncertainty in our community about when human life begins, the benefit of the doubt should go to preserving life.

As a voter in your electorate, I feel it is important for you to understand that many locals in your electorate will judge you by the final decision you make on this contentious piece of legislation.

The final vote you cast regarding this legislation will pave a direct correlation to the level of support you receive for your re-election efforts.

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