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To: [Abortion Bill](#)
Subject: Submission regarding the Health (Abortion Law Reform) Amendment Bill 2016
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To Whom this May Concern,

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

I urge the committee to consider the the need to repeal an outdated and unclear law that disadvantages some of the most vulnerable women in society. Time has come to stop treating women who seek to have an abortion and those who help them as criminals. **Essentially, this is a health issue not a criminal issue.**

I believe that the proposed reforms laid out in this new 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.

In addition, 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.

Many thanks,

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