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Submission to the Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee.

In support of the Health (Abortion Law Reform) Amendment Bill 2016

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I am making this submission as an older woman who has experienced miscarriage, childbirth and abortion in my lifetime. Therefore I feel I am qualified to comment on the two Abortion Law Reform Bills before the Committee at present.

I Strongly support the decriminalisation of abortion in Queensland and the repeal of Sections 224, 225 and 226 from our 1899 Criminal Code. I believe that the proposed reforms laid out in the 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.

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