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To: [Abortion Bill](#)  
Subject: Marisol Pacheco - Submission to the Health (Abortion Law Reform) Amendment Bill 2016.  
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**Marisol Pacheco**

6<sup>th</sup> October 2016

**Re: Submission for the Health, Communities, Disability Services  
and Domestic and  
Family Violence Prevention Committee for the Health (*Abortion  
Law Reform*) Amendment Bill 2016**

Dear Committee,

I am a Social Worker and I have twenty years of non-governmental sector experience in the gender based violence field, in Australia and internationally, including providing trauma based counselling, court support and advocacy to women victims of sexual offences.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide input to reform the current laws governing abortion in Queensland.

I 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 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.

Yours truly

Marisol Pacheco