

Health (Abortion Law Reform)  
Amendment Bill 2016

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To whom it may concern,

As a future medical practitioner I believe women should be entitled to access abortion as unwanted pregnancies cause emotional, physical and spiritual duress. It should be stressed that I support abortion by registered professionals only and that if clinicians refuse to perform abortions on moral/religious grounds they should refer their patient onto a willing clinician.

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.

Many thanks,

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