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I am very much against any move to make medical abortions more readily available. There is clear evidence that attempted medical abortions have resulted in dire health outcomes for some women. Administration of drugs which can produce such outcomes should be overseen by a medical doctor and not just prescribed by a midwife or a pharmacist for home use. Current legal action in the United States of America intended to curtail the availability of medical abortions outside the direct medical supervision of a doctor is based around the poor health outcomes associated with drugs like Mifepristone. It would be irresponsible for the Queensland Government to proceed with legislation that makes unsupervised medical abortions readily available in Queensland without waiting for the outcome of such significant review processes. Making medical abortions more readily available under minimal or no supervision increases the likelihood of women being coerced into abortions or choosing to have abortions because of lack of knowledge about alternatives. Increasing the availability of abortion and trivialising it by taking it out of the hands of medical doctors further devalues the communities sense that human life is valuable and will add to our myriad of social problems.