



The Royal Australian
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Dear Member of Parliament

We write to you today representing professional medical, reproductive and public health organisations, universities and service providers across Queensland.

The recent Cairns court case and verdict confirm the Queensland abortion law under which the couple was charged is out of date, and out of step with public and expert opinion.

We are deeply concerned that Queensland doctors still risk prosecution under Queensland's Criminal Code of 1899 if they perform or procure a termination of pregnancy.

As it stands, Queensland's laws are unclear; so long as they are unclear, we are limited in our ability to deliver the best quality care to respond to women's health care needs.

We call on Queensland Parliamentarians to review and update relevant sections of the law to ensure certainty and security for women and doctors alike.

Yours sincerely,

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