Drop the charges! Repeal Queensland's anti-abortion laws!

To: The Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland

We the undersigned draw to the attention of the House the charges brought against a young Cairns couple under the anti-abortion provisions in the QLD Criminal Code. A young woman faces seven years imprisonment for allegedly terminating a pregnancy while her partner faces three years imprisonment for providing the abortion drug allegedly used for the termination. It is the first time for at least 50 years that a woman has been charged in Australia for having an abortion. These charges are brought under laws that should not even exist. Abortion should not be a crime: it should be recognised as a woman's right to choose.

Your petitioners therefore request the House to intervene immediately to have the charges against the Cairns couple dropped. Furthermore we request that the House repeal the anti-abortion laws (sections 224, 225 and 226) from the QLD Criminal Code.

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