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Dear Dr Cannold,

Re: Decriminalisation of abortion

Reference is made in your correspondence to the decriminalisation of abortion, and I thank you for writing to me on this matter.

The Government referred the issue to the Victorian Law Reform Commission for review and recommendation, which reported to State Parliament on 29 May 2008.

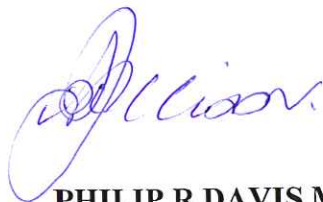
The Commission prepared the report in response to a request from the Government that it provide legislative options to decriminalise abortion when performed by a medical practitioner. Its report sets out three possible models for reform of abortion law that accord with the Government's intentions and objectives.

The report and information relating to it are available on the Commission's web site: www.lawreform.vic.gov.au

The Government has now introduced legislation, which will be considered in due course by the Lower House. Given that there is a free vote of members of all parties, the Bill may be passed, defeated or amended and passed.

Therefore, at such time as a Bill is presented to the Legislative Council, I will give it due consideration, taking into account the views that you have expressed.

Yours sincerely,

Phil


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