



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING
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TERMS OF REFERENCE

Inquiry into abortion and reproductive choice in the ACT

The Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing resolved on 1 July 2022 to inquire into and report on the following matters:

- 1) accessibility of abortion and reproductive choice for people in the ACT, including abortion medication, and taking into consideration barriers for:
 - a. non-English speakers;
 - b. victims of domestic and family violence, including coercive control;
 - c. people with a disability;
 - d. young people and minors; and
 - e. other vulnerable demographics;
- 2) affordability of abortion and reproductive choice in the ACT, including:
 - a. access to bulk billing general practitioners;
 - b. indirect costs such as transport, leave from work, childcare; and
 - c. options for low-income patients;
- 3) legal protections for abortion rights in the ACT; including:
 - a. comparison with other Australian jurisdictions;
 - b. interactions with non-ACT legislative instruments (e.g.: with Commonwealth law);
 - c. potential implications for IVF providers; and
 - d. effectiveness of exclusion zones around abortion facilities;
- 4) access to information to support a variety of possible reproductive choices, including choosing to give birth; and
- 5) any other related matters.