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Attention Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Thank you for taking my submission.

As an ACT citizen and taxpayer I think the proposed budget of over \$2million to expand the availability of Abortion in the ACT is excessive, considering the fact that Medicare and private medical funds are contributing already to all abortions.

I am particularly saddened that similar if not more funding is not proposed for pregnancy support, such as additional funding for Karina House, to give women the full suite of choices in order to genuinely assist women who wish to keep their baby or to at least explore this option.

Finally, this proposed funding is very narrow. That is, I have friends that have suffered and died from cancer, mental health and other medical ailments for which this sort of funding model is not being offered.

Yours sincerely

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