MEDIA RELEASE

New inquiry into abortion and reproductive choice in the ACT

On 1 July 2022, the ACT Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Health & Community Wellbeing resolved to conduct an inquiry into abortion and reproductive choice in the ACT.

The terms of reference include the accessibility and affordability of abortion services, and the protection of abortion rights in the ACT. The full terms of reference are available on the Committee’s [webpage](https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/parliamentary-business/in-committees/committees/hcw/inquiry-into-abortion-and-reproductive-choice-in-the-ACT).

 “In response to what our community is seeing unfold overseas, now is the right time to reflect on the accessibility, affordability and legal protections for abortion and reproductive health services for people here in the ACT” - Johnathan Davis MLA, Chair of the Standing Committee on Health & Community Wellbeing.

The Committee invites written submissions addressing any or all of the terms of reference. Guidance on making a submission is available on the Assembly [website](https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0020/1063037/Witness-guide-2020-Dec.pdf).

Submissions can be emailed to LACommitteeHCW@parliament.act.gov.au.

Submissions close at 5:00pm, **Monday 15th August 2022**.

The Committee will report by Tuesday 18th October 2022.

8th JULY 2022

STATEMENT ENDS.

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