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To Whom It May Concern,

**RE: Submission to the Senate Standing Committees on Community Affairs, inquiry on universal access to reproductive healthcare**

On 28 September 2022, the Senate referred an inquiry into the universal access to reproductive healthcare to the Senate Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry.

Please find attached a submission to the Senate Standing Committees on Community Affairs, written in direct response to the consultation listed on the committee website.

<Insert paragraph about yourself, your experience, or the perspective you write from>

Universal access to reproductive healthcare is essential. If you have any questions about this submission, you are welcome to contact me at <insert email address> or <insert phone number>.

Sincerely,

<insert signature, or leave blank>

<insert full name>

<insert organisation/group name if relevant>

**Submission to the Senate Standing Committees on Community Affairs, inquiry on universal access to reproductive healthcare**

<insert full name or group/organisation or add logo elsewhere in the document>

<insert date>

**Executive summary**

<Your submission should be one to five pages. If more than two or three pages, include a brief summary here. Make sure to include your key recommendations for the inquiry, or you can even move the recommendations section up to the top. If two pages or less, you can delete the executive summary.>

**Background**

On 28 September 2022, the Senate referred an [inquiry into the universal access to reproductive healthcare](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Community_Affairs/ReproductiveHealthcare/Terms_of_Reference) to the Senate Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 31 March 2023.

There is a current consultation listed on the Senate Standing Committees on Community Affairs website, which is open until 11.59 pm AEDT on 15 December 2022. We/I appreciate the opportunity to provide a submission. This submission is written in response to the Committee Terms of Reference.

I consent to this submission being published on the inquiry website and shared publicly online. OR This submission is confidential and should not be published anywhere online, <submissions are usually published, so here you need to insert the reason why you believe yours should not be published online>.

<If you want to share details about yourself, your organisation or group, you can add it here either within the background section or with a separate subheading.>

**Consultation response**

<Either write a general response here, or delete this section and fill out the terms of reference response below.>

**Terms of Reference response**

<If you can, respond directly to each term of reference. If you have other things to say, do so at the end in ‘any other related matter’. You don’t need to address every area! If you’re not comfortable with a topic, or don’t want to comment, you can just write something like ‘not applicable’ or ‘no comment’>.

This section is framed in direct response to the Committee [Terms of Reference](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Community_Affairs/ReproductiveHealthcare/Terms_of_Reference).

**Barriers to achieving priorities under the National Women’s Health Strategy for ‘universal access to sexual and reproductive health information, treatment and services that offer options to women to empower choice and control in decision-making about their bodies’, with particular reference to:**

1. **cost and accessibility of contraceptives, including:**
   1. **Pharmaceutical Benefit Scheme (PBS) coverage and Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) approval processes for contraceptives,**
   2. **awareness and availability of long-acting reversible contraceptive and male contraceptive options, and**
   3. **options to improve access to contraceptives, including over the counter access, longer prescriptions, and pharmacist interventions;**

<Insert your response, or just write: no comment>

1. **cost and accessibility of reproductive healthcare, including pregnancy care and termination services across Australia, particularly in regional and remote areas;**

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1. **workforce development options for increasing access to reproductive healthcare services, including GP training, credentialing and models of care led by nurses and allied health professionals;**

<Insert your response, or just write: no comment>

1. **best practice approaches to sexual and reproductive healthcare, including trauma-informed and culturally appropriate service delivery;**

<Insert your response, or just write: no comment>

1. **sexual and reproductive health literacy;**

<Insert your response, or just write: no comment>

1. **experiences of people with a disability accessing sexual and reproductive healthcare;**

<Insert your response, or just write: no comment>

1. **experiences of transgender people, non-binary people, and people with variations of sex characteristics accessing sexual and reproductive healthcare;**

<Insert your response, or just write: no comment>

1. **availability of reproductive health leave for employees; and**

<Insert your response, or just write: no comment>

1. **any other related matter.**

<Insert your response, or just write: no comment>

**Recommendations**

Universal access to reproductive healthcare is essential. I/we support this important Inquiry, with the following recommendations:

* <recommendation one>
* <recommendation two>
* <recommendation three>