

SAMPLE LETTER to SENATE INQUIRY

In my submission I wish to address issues in

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

Firstly, I would like to focus on the issues of reproductive healthcare, including pregnancy care, and I do not want to support abortion services.

Reproductive health care means to me to support, care and nurture women and men to have new babies and raise them to be good Australian citizens.

[Add your own personal story eg ...As a man who really values life and has not been able to have my own children I really admire and wish to support women and men to safely bring their babies into this world. Recently two of my nieces have successfully welcomed newborn babies which has been a great gift to their family and all of us who are relations].

It is a tragedy that in Australia our birth rate is declining every year. It has dropped from 12.720 births per 1000 people in 2019 to 12.244 births in 2021. This is not even enough births to replace deaths in Australia.

Therefore, I urge the Committee of Inquiry to look for ways to support women and their partners to safely bring newborns into Australian communities wherever they may be. This will firstly include extra financial support from the federal and state governments. Secondly, more financial support for pregnancy help centres which provide the necessary practical, emotional and counselling support to help mothers have their children.

Yours sincerely

Name and contact details.

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