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Safe Access Zones bill passes the House

Today, the House of Assembly passed the *Health Care (Safe Access) Amendment Bill 2020 (SA)*.

Known as the Safe Access Zones bill, it ensures people seeking abortions and those who provide them can do so free from intimidation.

This is a great day for South Australians seeking an abortion and the health care workers who provide them.

The bill had previously passed the Legislative Council but, due to the proroguing of parliament, will need to return. saaac are hopeful that the bill will be passed promptly.

88 per cent of South Australians support Safe Access Zones.

Quotes attributed to Barbara Baird

Safe Access Zones are needed at abortion services in this state where protestors regularly attend with the purpose of interfering in a person's decision making about their own health care.

Those who seek an abortion and the health care professionals who provide them have every right to be free from harassment and intimidation. Today, we are one step closer to this goal.

The Legislative Council considered – and passed – this bill last year. It now returns as a formality. We are calling on the Council to pass this bill as a priority.

The government committed to decriminalising abortion in South Australia in 2019. That can only happen when people accessing abortion and those providing the health care are free from harassment and intimidation.

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