

**6 February 2021****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****South Australians need to show their support for safe abortion care**

Today, the South Australian Abortion Action Coalition calls on South Australians to tell their representatives that they support the decriminalisation of abortion care. The Termination of Pregnancy Bill has already passed the Legislative Council and will soon be debated in the House of Assembly. Currently our politicians are being flooded with offensive and misleading messages from the Bill's opponents.

As it stands, the Bill will treat abortion care as the health care that it is, removing the stigma of criminality. Attorney General Vickie Chapman has given the parliament a long-overdue opportunity to remove abortion from the criminal law, eliminate inequalities in the provision of abortion care and bring the state up to date and into line with other Australian jurisdictions. But opponents of safe abortion care are proposing amendments that would wreck the Bill and set South Australia back 50 years.

Saaac urges South Australians to show their political representatives that they support the Bill as it stands and reject all efforts to reduce access to abortion care and further marginalise the most vulnerable and isolated in our community.

Next Saturday, 13 February, between 11am and 1.30pm, we ask South Australians to join with us on the steps of the SA Parliament to stand up for safe abortion care. We will spell out our central message to MPs – DECRIMINALISE. We will discuss the issues, hear some music and raise awareness of what is at stake and how to send a message of support for the Attorney General's Bill to local MPs.

**Quotes attributed to Barbara Baird (Co-convenor of saaac):**

*Now is the time to show our parliamentarians what research has long shown: that South Australians overwhelmingly support the decriminalisation of abortion in this state.*

*Legislative change is well overdue and we welcome the success of the bill so far. It is time for the House of Assembly to take this one last step. We urge MPs not to be misled by misrepresentations of the Bill and what its effects will be.*

*Abortion care is health care and the law needs to reflect that fact.*

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