



Joint statement from the HGSA, ASGC, AACG, and EESIC regarding access to termination of pregnancy (abortion) in Australia.

Abortion is legal in all Australian States and Territories, but there have been recent discussions, actions and reports about restricting access to abortion, either practically or legally, in South Australia, Queensland and New South Wales.

Debates and actions that seek to restrict access to abortion raise concerns about appropriate access to safe reproductive health services. Attempts to restrict access to abortion may lead to unsafe practices, along with compounding negative health impacts for women and families.

The clinical and research associations of the Human Genetics Society of Australasia (HGSA), strongly advocate for reproductive choice for all individuals, which is autonomy over one's body, and the opportunity to make decisions that align with personal values. This includes enabling equitable and safe access to abortion services when needed or requested.

We strongly support access to evidence based, medically safe reproductive health options including access to safe abortion, as an essential aspect of reproductive health care. Genetic health professionals provide accurate, evidence based and unbiased information allowing people to make informed reproductive choices, and we support them in their decision.