



POSTION STATEMENT ON ROE V WADE

Abortion is healthcare. It is an essential and vital service. It is a human right.

Family Planning Alliance Australia stands in solidarity with healthcare organisations who provide abortion care and every person who has accessed an abortion, or may need one in the future.

We strongly believe that everyone should be free to make an informed choice, that is best for them, their health and their future.

The United States Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v Wade and deny access to legal abortion is devastating for millions of people who may need to seek an abortion, particularly those from marginalised groups and those experiencing disadvantage.

Criminalisation of abortion does not stop or even reduce the number of abortions, it means removing access to safe, timely and vital care. It will force people to seek unsafe abortions. It is a decision that will cost lives.

We are an overwhelmingly pro-choice country, but we cannot take our right to abortion for granted; there are still legislative, economic, and social barriers to accessing abortion in across Australia.

While all jurisdictions across Australia provide access to abortion; restrictions, inequity, and ambiguity remain. We strongly advocate for the need for abortion equity across Australia. We call upon all state, territory, and federal governments in Australia to ensure everyone who needs it can access compassionate, safe, affordable, timely abortion care.

Abortion is healthcare. Reproductive freedom is a human right.