



Safe access zones bill praised as vital for patient wellbeing and privacy

Community campaigning organisation Fair Agenda have celebrated the introduction of a bill to create safe access zones in Western Australia.

“We all deserve privacy and dignity when accessing healthcare.” said Renee Carr, Executive Director of Fair Agenda, a community campaigning for gender equality.

“Nobody should have to run a gauntlet of harassment and intimidation just to see a doctor about a personal medical decision.”

“This is about safe and equitable access to reproductive healthcare.”

“Patients can need to end a pregnancy for a range of complex, distressing, and deeply personal reasons. They shouldn’t have to endure harassment and judgment from strangers in order to get the care they need.”

“This shouldn’t be a matter of politics; it’s a matter of healthcare. With this bill parliamentarians have a clear choice: vote yes to protect the safety, privacy and dignity of patients; or vote no and allow the harassment and intimidation to continue.”

“These protections would bring Western Australia in line with most other states in providing protection to patients, and the staff that provide them with care.” she concluded.

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