



Abortion bill praised as compassionate model for desperately needed reform

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Community campaigning group Fair Agenda have celebrated the introduction of a bill to decriminalise abortion in South Australia, and urged MPs to vote in favour of the legislation - as a model for safe, legal and compassionate access to abortion care in the state.

“South Australians deserve better than the current outdated laws, which deny patients the right to make decisions about their own healthcare.” said Renee Carr, Executive Director of gender equality campaigning group Fair Agenda.

“We all deserve to feel safe, and in control of our bodies and healthcare decisions.”

“This shouldn’t be a matter of politics; it’s a matter of healthcare. With this legislation South Australian parliamentarians have a clear choice: vote yes to ensure those who need it have access to safe, legal and compassionate abortion care; or vote no to keep the harmful current system in place.”

“The legislation being proposed is very similar to that which has been in place in Victoria for more than ten years. It’s time South Australia’s laws catch up to the rest of the country and recognise abortion as healthcare.

Fair Agenda note that the legislation proposed is similar to that already in operation in places like Victoria and Queensland. And while some provisions fall short of the recommendations of medical experts and the SA Law Reform Institute; the proposed Bill would significantly improve the current system.

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