Abortion: women's bodies, women's lives, women's choice

To: The Honourable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives/Senate

This petition of citizens draws to the attention of the House that the majority of the Australian population believe that the decision about whether or not to terminate a pregnancy should be up to the woman concerned and her doctor. Furthermore, this majority is growing.[1]

The majority pro-choice public opinion should, in a democracy, be reflected in the law and government policy. That means:

(i) all criminal and other laws that codify/limit abortion access should be repealed, so that abortion is not subject to more restrictions than any other medical procedure; and
(ii) abortion services should be made freely available through the public health system, with full Medicare coverage for terminations.

Your petitioners, therefore, demand that the House reject any attempt to limit Medicare coverage of abortion, and urge each state and territory jurisdiction to repeal all laws codifying abortion access.

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[1] Australian Election Study Polls since 1987, ANU's 2003 Australian Survey of Social Attitudes, Attitudes to Abortion in Australia 1972-2003 Monash University Study by Dr K Betts.