

**22 July 2020**

**More delays in abortion reform.**

Today, the House of Assembly should have passed the *Health Care (Safe Access) Amendment Bill 2020 (SA)*.

Known as the Safe Access Zones bill, this bill ensures people seeking abortions and those who provide them can do so free from intimidation.

Disappointingly, this bill was delayed yet again.

To continue to delay this vital legislation only continues the harassment and intimidation of people seeking an abortion and those who provide them. Indeed, today protesters were assembled outside the Pregnancy Advisory Centre in Woodville by 8.30am.

88 per cent of South Australians support Safe Access Zones. South Australia and Western Australia are the only states without such zones.

Those who seek and abortion and the health care professionals who provide them should have the legal right to do so free from harassment and intimidation. Safe Access Zone provides this right.

**Quotes attributed to Brigid Coomb:**

*Safe Access Zones are needed at abortion services in this state where protestors regularly attend with the purpose of interfering in a person's decision making about their own health care.*

*South Australians have an expectation that those who are accessing abortion services and those who provide them, should be able to do so free from harassment.*

*The government has committed to decriminalising abortion in South Australia. That can only happen when people accessing abortion and those providing the health care are free from harassment and intimidation.*

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**About saaac:** The South Australian Abortion Action Coalition is a broad coalition of people who want to improve abortion access in SA. Our members come from diverse backgrounds including the medical, legal, academic, social justice, and advocacy professions.



*Protesters outside the Woodville Pregnancy Advisory Centre today, 22 July, 2020.*