

Abortion Legislation & Facts Around Australia



Australia

- 70,000 – 73,000 abortions take place in Australia each year
- women in their 20s account for the majority of abortions; women aged 20-24 have the highest abortion rate.

Northern Territory

Legal to 14 weeks with one doctor's approval, and at 14 - 23 weeks with an additional doctor's approval. **Not legal after 23 weeks** unless it is performed to save a mother's life. No ability to share a pro-life message within 150m of abortion clinics.

Queensland

Legal to birth, with restrictions post-22 weeks. No ability to share a pro-life message within 150m of abortion clinics.

Western Australia

Legal to birth, with detailed restrictions post-20 weeks. Parental notification clause restricts abortions under 16 years of age without one parent being informed.

New South Wales

Legal to birth, with restrictions post-22 weeks. No ability to share a pro-life message within 150m of abortion clinics, with exceptions eg. Protest allowed outside NSW Parliament House

South Australia

Legal to 28 weeks if two doctors agree that a woman's physical and/or mental health is in danger by the pregnancy or for serious foetal abnormality. Illegal after 28 weeks except to save the life of the mother. Unlawful abortion still a criminal offence.

Victoria

Legal to birth, with restrictions post-24 weeks. No ability to share a pro-life message within 150m of abortion clinics.

Australian Capital Territory

Legal to birth by a medical or nurse practitioner. Restrictions on where a pro-life message can be shared may be set at the discretion of the ACT Health Minister

Tasmania

Legal to birth, with restrictions post-16 weeks. No ability to share a pro-life message within 150m of abortion clinics.

Reference: www.abort73.com/abortion_facts/australian_abortion_statistics/