

CHILDREN BY CHOICE

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS & ABORTION CONFERENCE

3-5 September, 2026



PROGRAM

BEYOND AGGRESSES

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

8:30AM	REGISTRATIONS		
8:50AM	Welcome to Country		
9:00AM	Conference Opening Anjulee Singh CEO, Children by Choice and Sen. Larissa Waters, MP		
9:15AM	Plenary Session & Panel Discussion: What does effective advocacy look like when money can buy popular opinion? (45 min)		
10:00AM	Keynote: Yumi Stynes (40 min)		
10:40AM	MORNING TEA		
11:10AM	Breakout Session 1 (1hr 10min)		
	Breakout room A	Breakout room B	Breakout room C
	How can we expand the conversation around reproductive coercion and abuse?	What sustains abortion rights beyond the law?	What happens when we shift MToP beyond traditional models?
12:20PM	LUNCH OPTIONAL WORKSHOP 1 PART 1*		
1:10PM	Breakout Session 2 (1hr 10min)		
	Breakout Room A	Breakout Room B	Breakout Room C
	How can we expand the conversation around reproductive coercion and abuse? (Cont.)	What sustains abortion rights beyond the law? (Cont.)	How can we build a sustainable future for 2nd and 3rd trimester abortion services?
	When intentional obstruction exists, what is the solution?	Panel: What does reproductive justice look like beyond abortion?	Are we designing rural abortion services for rural realities?
2:20PM	AFTERNOON TEA		
2:50PM	Poster Session 1 (40min)		
3:30PM	Plenary Session & Panel Discussion: What harm are we trained not to see? (45min)		
4:30PM	DAY ONE FORMALLY CLOSES		
4:30PM	Optional Workshops 2 & 3* (1hr)		

*Registration required for workshops, details to come.
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FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

7:30AM Optional workshops 4 & 5* (1hr)

8:30AM End of workshops

8:30AM REGISTRATIONS

8:50AM Acknowledgement of Country: Waveney Yasso

9:00AM Conference Address: Anjulee Singh CEO, Children by Choice

9:10AM Keynote: Carly Findlay (40min)

9:50AM Plenary Session & Panel Discussion: Second Trimester Surgical Abortion Care at the SA Health Pregnancy Advisory Centre (45min)

10:40AM MORNING TEA

11:10AM Breakout Session 3 (1hr 10min)

Breakout Room A

How are nurses pioneering increased access to abortion care?

Breakout Room B

Are we centring lived experience in abortion narratives?

Breakout Room C

When the system wasn't built for you, what then?

12:20PM LUNCH | OPTIONAL WORKSHOP 1 PART 2*

1:10PM Breakout Session 4 (1hr 10min)

Breakout Room A

What role does primary healthcare play in expanding access to reproductive healthcare?

Breakout Room B

What does local access actually look like in the future?

Breakout Room C

When the system wasn't built for you, what then? (Cont.)

How is misinformation shaping abortion narratives in Australia?

2:20PM AFTERNOON TEA

2:50PM Poster Session 2 (40min)

3:30PM Plenary Session & Panel Discussion: Can we design systems where conscientious objection doesn't delay care? (45 min)

4:30PM CONFERENCE CLOSING PROCEED TO NETWORKING EVENING

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SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER (MEDICAL DAY)

8:30AM

REGISTRATIONS

8:50AM **Acknowledgement of Country:** Waveney Yasso

9:00AM **Conference Address:** Dr Claire Mohr – President, Children by Choice

9:10AM **Interactive Debate**

10:00AM **Abortion Care Overview**

- MTOP
- MVA
- SToP
- Inpatient medical

11:00AM

MORNING TEA

11:30AM **Breakout Session 5**

Breakout Room A

101 on MToP Provision

- Dr Claire Mohr

Breakout Room B

101 on MVA Provision

- TBC

12.20PM

LUNCH

1:15PM **Interactive Workshop:** Building confidence without the scan: a practical selective scan EMA workshop

- Ms Catherine Bateman
- Dr Paul Brougham

2:15PM **Panel Discussion:** Complex care & system challenges

3:00PM

AFTERNOON TEA & NETWORKING

3:30PM

CONFERENCE CLOSES

OPTIONAL WORKSHOPS DAY 1 & 2

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12:30PM Optional workshop 1

(THURS & FRI) **Part 1 – Thursday 3 September | Part 2 – Friday 4 September**

Crafting Confidence: Using Vulva Soap-Making to Build Sexual Health Literacy amongst the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workforce

- Mrs. Laura Berry

4:30PM Optional workshop 2 – Thursday 3 September

(THURS) Reproductive Rights for All (Re)Imagining Feminist Inclusive Futures Together

- Dr. Anna Noonan
- Ms. Delaram Ansari
- Ms. Carolyn Mogharbel
- G, Robbie
- Dr. Mridula Shankar

4:30PM Optional workshop 3 – Thursday 3 September

(THURS) Post-abortion Support in a Group Setting

- Ms. Mariyah Shahrin
- Ms. Kellie Glab

7:30AM Optional workshop 4 – Friday 4 September

(FRI) Reproductive coercion and abuse: the road ahead for research, practice, and policy in Australia

- Dr. Susan Saldanha

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A

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

Breakout Room A

11:10am Breakout Session 1 (11:10am– 12:20pm)

How can we expand the conversation around reproductive coercion and abuse?

- 11:10am
 - Reproductive coercion and abuse in Australia: New data to inform policy and practice
 - Prof. Laura Tarzia
- 11:25am
 - Expanding the Conversation on Reproductive Coercion: Men's Experiences, Contraceptive Responsibility, and Reproductive Justice
 - Ms. Georgia Breakey
- 11:40am
 - A qualitative exploration of lived experiences of reproductive coercion on Reddit
 - Mr. Sanish Rajbhandari
- 11:55am
 - Reproductive coercion and abuse among female general practice patients in Australia: a cross-sectional study
 - Dr. Susan Saldanha
- 12:10pm Q&A for all breakout session presenters

1:10pm Breakout Session 2 (1:10pm– 2:20pm)

How can we expand the conversation around reproductive coercion and abuse? (Cont.)

- 1:10pm
 - Development of a comprehensive, self-reported measure of reproductive coercion and abuse for global use
 - Ms. Desire LaGrappe
- 1:25pm
 - How widespread is abortion obstruction in Victoria? A one-month pilot of a tool to capture obstructive behaviours in the health system
 - Dr. Shelly Makleff
- 1:40pm
 - How does abortion Values Clarification and Attitude Transformation (VCAT) reduce stigmatising behaviours in healthcare providers? Proposing a conceptual model
 - Dr. Shelly Makleff
- 1:55pm
 - How are healthcare providers conscientiously objecting to abortion care in Australia? A qualitative study
 - Dr. Bronwen Merner
- 2:10pm Q&A for all breakout session presenters

B

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

Breakout Room B

11:10am Breakout Session 1 (11:10am– 12:20pm)

What sustains abortion rights beyond the law?

- 11:10am
 - Advocacy influencing international access to abortion
 - Ms. Daile Kelleher
- 11:25am
 - Systemic Failures, Individualised Blame: Law, Healthcare, and the Politics of Later Abortion in Australia
 - Dr. Erica Millar
- 11:40am
 - Countering regression: what LGBTIQ+ and women's rights movements have in common
 - Ms. Heather Corkhill
- 11:55am
 - Beyond decriminalization of abortion: New horizons in advocacy and practice change
 - Dr. Martha Paynter
- 12:10pm Q&A for all breakout session presenters

1:10pm Breakout Session 2 (1:10pm– 2:20pm)

What sustains abortion rights beyond the law? (Cont.)

- 1:10pm
 - Is abortion health care? The politics in Australia in 2026
 - Dr. Amanda Cohn
- 1:25pm
 - Reproduction Beyond the Womb: Reproductive Justice and the State of Exception
 - Miss. Ashlee Wilson
- #### How can we improve access to abortion care in Queensland?
- 1:40pm
 - How brokerage has shaped abortion access in Queensland
 - Children by Choice
- 1:55pm
 - Details to come
 - Children by Choice
- 2:10pm Q&A for all breakout session presenters

C

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

Breakout Room C

11:10am Breakout Session 1 (11:10am– 12:20pm)

What happens when we shift MToP beyond traditional models?

- 11:10am
 - Changes in MS2–Step (mifepristone–misoprostol) access through pharmacies following the 2023 removal of prescribing and dispensing restrictions for medication abortion in Australia
 - Prof. Kristina Edvardsson
- 11:25am
 - Mapping Global Evidence on Advance Provision of Medical Abortion: A Scoping Review
 - Miss. Freya Moore
- 11:40am
 - Medication abortion self–management as health system innovation: a qualitative study of abortion service users' perspectives
 - Dr. Mridula Shankar
- 11:55am
 - Improving Access to Early Medical Abortion Through a Selective Scan Pathway: A Quality Assurance Evaluation from Far North Queensland
 - Dr. Lydia Mainey

12:10pm Q&A for all breakout session presenters

1:10pm Breakout Session 2 (1:10pm– 2:20pm)

How can we build a sustainable future for 2nd and 3rd trimester abortion services?

- 1:10pm
 - Travel time from every home: visualising access to surgical abortion services across Australia
 - Ms. Sarah Wood
- 1:25pm
 - Pioneering Access: Metro South's First Public Surgical Abortion Service
 - Dr. Catriona Melville

Are we designing rural abortion services for rural realities?

- 1:40pm
 - Beyond Access: How Centring Patient Preferences Has Led to New Approaches to Language and Pregnancy Tissue Management in a Rural Public Abortion Service
 - Mrs. Lillian Castor
- 1:55pm
 - The unique access challenges when working remotely whilst maintaining culturally inclusive care.
 - Ms. Emily Hapea

2:10pm Q&A for all breakout session presenters

A

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

Breakout Room A

11:10am Breakout Session 3 (11:10am– 12:20pm)

How are nurses pioneering increased access to abortion care?

- 11:10am
 - Innovation in nurse–midwife led rural abortion care – The Western NSW Local Health District Pregnancy Options Care and Support Service
 - Mrs. Lillian Castor
- 11:25am
 - Embedding Nurse–Led Termination of Pregnancy Care in Regional Queensland: A Duoethnographic Examination of Organisational Culture Change
 - Dr. Lydia Mainey
- 11:40am
 - Experiences of nurses and midwives in the provision of medical termination of pregnancy care beyond the first trimester: a scoping review.
 - Dr. Neha Ramesh
- 11:55am
 - Effectiveness of a nurse–led model of care in increasing access to long–acting reversible contraception and medical abortion in rural and regional Australian general practice
 - Prof. Danielle Mazza
- 12:10pm Q&A for all breakout session presenters

1:10pm Breakout Session 4 (1:10pm– 2:20pm)

What role does primary healthcare play in expanding access to reproductive healthcare?

- 1:10pm
 - General practitioners' perspectives on providing medical abortion in rural and remote Australia: Findings from the How Far is Too Far study
 - Prof. Danielle Mazza
- 1:25pm
 - Adolescents' experiences accessing emergency contraception in Australian community pharmacy: a qualitative study
 - Dr. Anisa Assifi
- 1:40pm
 - Expanding community pharmacists' scope of practice for contraceptive counselling and referral: preliminary findings from the ALLIANCE stepped–wedge cluster randomised trial
 - Dr. Anisa Assifi
 - Prof. Danielle Mazza
- 1:55pm
 - Strengthening the medication abortion provider workforce in Victoria: a cross–sectional analysis of 1800 My Options providers
 - Dr. Jessica Moulton
- 2:10pm Q&A for all breakout session presenters

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B

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

Breakout Room B

11:10am Breakout Session 3 (11:10am– 12:20pm)

Are we centring lived experience in abortion narratives?

- 11:10am
 - Imagining person-centred contraceptive counselling at the time of abortion provision from the perspectives of young abortion seekers in Australia
 - Ms. Carrie Van Rensburg
- 11:25am
 - The power of storytelling: Peer support and co-design in practice
 - Ms. Hannah Bambra
- 11:40am
 - The role of abortion peer support in resisting reproductive injustice: a Theory of Change
 - Ms. Hannah Bambra
- 11:55am
 - Centring Abortion Seekers' Experiences: Developing a Consumer Reporting Tool for Poor Abortion Care
 - Dr. Bronwen Merner
- 12:10pm Q&A for all breakout session presenters

1:10pm Breakout Session 4 (1:10pm– 2:20pm)

What does local access actually look like in the future?

- 1:10pm
 - Improving abortion access in New South Wales
 - Ms. Sarah Lambert
- 1:25pm
 - QVEMTOPS One year on: care provided and lessons learnt
 - Dr. Claire Fotheringham
 - Ms. Emma Turner
- 1:40pm
 - The use of an Artificial Intelligence driven Digital Front Door to increase abortion equity in Victoria
 - Ms. Carolyn Mogharbel
- 1:55pm
 - Going the Distance: A Comparison of Abortion Provision Approaches in Rural Australia and Canada
 - Dr. Anna Noonan
- 2:10pm Q&A for all breakout session presenters

C

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

Breakout Room C

11:10am Breakout Session 3 (11:10am– 12:20pm)

When the system wasn't built for you, what then?

- 11:10am
 - Bridging the Gap: Strengthening Culturally Responsive Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare in Queensland
 - Mrs. Jana Ventura
- 11:25am
 - Pregnancy Options and Culture– the next chapter for Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Safe People, their allies and the people they support.
 - Ms. Erin McBride
- 11:40am
 - Reproductive coercion and abuse among trans and gender diverse people: A case series analysis and rapid review to identify recommendations for clinical practice and future research
 - Dr. Pip Buckingham
- 11:55am
 - Changing Attitudes: Relationships, Sexuality and Reproductive Health for People with Disability
 - Ms. Natasha Milner
- 12:10pm Q&A for all breakout session presenters

1:10pm Breakout Session 4 (1:10pm– 2:20pm)

When the system wasn't built for you, what then? (Cont.)

- 1:10pm
 - Reproductive Coercion in Sexual and Gender Diverse Populations
 - Dr. Nicola Sheeran

How is misinformation shaping abortion narratives in Australia?

- 1:25pm
 - Challenging the importation of US anti-abortion discourses in Australia
 - Dr. Tania Penovic
- 1:40pm
 - Abortion politics in Australia, the influence and impact of misrepresentation within the media.
 - Dr. Kate Toone
 - Mrs. Tahlee Stevenson
- 1:55pm
 - When algorithms silence sexual health
 - Ms. Rebecca Atkinson
- 2:10pm Q&A for all breakout session presenters