



DECRIMINALISE ABORTION

ABORTION SHOULD BE SAFE, FREE AND LEGAL

People who have an abortion, and their doctors, still risk prosecution in NSW. Abortion should be considered a health and welfare matter, not a criminal issue.

THE GREENS PLAN WILL

- **Decriminalise Abortion.** Remove division 12 of the NSW Crimes Act 1900.
- **Provide publicly-funded and accessible abortions.** Provide access to surgical abortions in public hospitals and fully-fund abortion services through Medicare.
- **Say no to Zoe's law.** The Greens will vote against foetal personhood laws which undermine reproductive rights and access to health services.

IT'S TIME TO END12

Division 12 of the NSW Crimes Act criminalises attempts to "procure abortion" with up to 10 years' incarceration. It also criminalises doctors who attempt to provide abortion.

In 1971, a District Court decision established that doctors can administer abortions if they deemed the pregnancy a risk to a pregnant woman's physical or mental health. However, the abortion offences in the Crimes Act were used as recently as August 2017 to convict a woman in Sydney.

For patients who are already feeling confused and vulnerable, understanding the legal hurdles and facing the threat of criminal charges makes their experience more difficult and shameful and can lead to delays in accessing abortion services.

The Greens will push to:

- Remove Division 12 of the NSW Crimes Act 1900.

PUBLICLY FUNDED AND ACCESSIBLE ABORTIONS

As there are no publicly-funded abortion services in New South Wales, services are limited, privatised and expensive, especially for regional, rural and indigenous women. Women have to travel long distances incurring extra costs. Restricting access to abortions leads to a higher number of riskier abortions.

The Greens will:

- Provide access to surgical abortions within the public hospital system.
- Fully fund abortion services through Medicare.

SAY NO TO ZOE'S LAW

The proposed "Zoe's law" creating foetal personhood is unnecessary and would further complicate the legal risk of having an abortion in New South Wales.

The Greens will:

- Vote against foetal personhood laws.