

## Medical Termination of Pregnancy

In March 2017, the NT Government passed key legislative changes to pregnancy choices. Some of those changes listed below mean, NT women will now have the same rights to pregnancy choices as other Australian women.

Family Planning Welfare NT will be providing Medical abortions from July 1<sup>st</sup>.

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- Terminations of pregnancy may be lawfully performed (or directed to be performed) by a 'suitably qualified medical practitioner' (criminal sanctions apply if a termination of pregnancy is performed by an unqualified person).
- Terminations of pregnancy may be performed within or out of a hospital setting.
- One suitably qualified medical practitioner is required to assess a woman whose pregnancy is not more than 14 weeks. Two suitably qualified medical practitioners are required to assess a woman whose pregnancy is 14 weeks or more, but not more than 23 weeks.
- A medical or health practitioner who holds a conscientious objection to terminate pregnancy is required to inform the woman of this and refer her to another medical practitioner who does not have a conscientious objection within a reasonable period (i.e. 2 days).
- The Act creates 'safe access zones' around premises where terminations of pregnancy are performed or where termination services are provided. Conduct which intimidates, harasses, inhibits or deters access is prohibited within the safe access zone.

Thank you.