



Reproductive Rights Statement

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White Ribbon Australia believes that every woman should have control over their reproductive and sexual health.

We are opposed to all forms of violence, coercion, control and abuse, and recognise that restricting or denying a woman the autonomy to make decisions about her own body is an attempt to maintain power and control over a woman.

To live in safety, free from all forms of abuse, all Australians need access to sexual and reproductive healthcare, which are fundamental human rights.

We take this position in the following context:

- The high rates of male violence against, and abuse of, women in Australia.
- As a movement dedicated to preventing men's violence against women, White Ribbon Australia believes that no man should control the decisions that a woman makes, including those about her own reproductive and sexual health.
- Denying women and girls access to sexual and reproductive healthcare is a denial of fundamental human rights. It impacts on a woman's right to self-determination and gaining full access to education and employment.