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To Whom It May Concern

**Pre-budget submission 2021-22**

Marie Stopes Australia appreciates the opportunity to contribute to discussions regarding the 2021-22 federal budget. As an independent, non-profit organisation, Marie Stopes Australia is Australia's only national accredited provider of abortion, contraception and vasectomy services, and the country's longest running provider of teleabortion.

Sexual and reproductive healthcare in Australia has historically been under resourced. Over the past year the pandemic and subsequent recession has reinforced barriers to care and further entrenched existing health inequity. This submission calls upon the federal government to strategise for sexual and reproductive healthcare, review the Medicare Benefits Scheme, accelerate moves towards virtual healthcare and embed sexual and reproductive healthcare in the pandemic response.

If you wish to discuss the details of this submission further, please contact me at [jamal.hakim@mariestopes.org.au](mailto:jamal.hakim@mariestopes.org.au).

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