



Attorney General; Minister for Electoral Affairs

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Dear Mr Foster

I refer to your letter dated 7 April 2022 regarding the petition to the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs (the Committee) to release the Coroner's Court Recommendation to amend the *Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911* (WA).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed terms of the petition and the submission from the tabling Member.

As noted in the submission from the tabling Member, the State Coroner's recommendation to amend the *Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2011* (WA) was prepared for the ultimate deliberation of Cabinet. Because this Cabinet deliberation is yet to take place, the Government has not been in a position to make the recommendation public to date. Relevantly, as I have previously advised the Legislative Council, the issue needs to be handled with the utmost sensitivity given the trauma suffered by women who have undergone late term abortions after receiving medical advice. Having said the above, I can confirm that the recommendation is subject to active law reform, and I anticipate that the Parliament will have the opportunity to scrutinise this matter in due course.

I trust this information has been of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

Hon. John Quigley MLA
ATTORNEY GENERAL; MINISTER FOR ELECTORAL AFFAIRS

- 5 MAY 2022