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CALL FOR ACTION ON ABORTION IN VICTORIA AND GLOBALLY

September 28 is the Global Day of Action for Access to Safe and Legal Abortion, and Women's Health Victoria is pleased to support this cause.

"We recognise that unsafe abortion remains a major cause of maternal mortality and morbidity in the developing world", said Rita Butera, Executive Director of Women's Health Victoria.

"We believe that women around the world should be free to make decisions regarding their reproductive health."

"We should also use today to reflect on the difficulties experienced by women who have unintended pregnancies in our own state."

"Although abortion in Victoria is now a legal health service, it remains difficult to access for many women. Women in rural areas have to travel long distances to access abortions, women experiencing financial hardship would struggle to meet the cost, and abortion is only available in public hospitals under very specific circumstances," Ms Butera said.

"Women should be free to exercise reproductive choice wherever they live, whether that is in Victoria or a developing nation", Ms Butera said.

Women's Health Victoria acknowledges the support of the Victorian Government.

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