

Dear Committee Secretary , Pothida Youhorn,

I am writing on behalf of Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward to deliver the responses to the Australian College of Nursing's (ACN) questions taken on notice and the annotated transcript from the Inquiry into Universal Access to reproductive healthcare.

Models of Mobile Reproductive Healthcare:

The Australian College of Nursing has conducted a review of the available models of mobile reproductive healthcare. Although there are various models of mobile health care focus on providing care to people experiencing poverty in urban areas ([see Sonia Martin's Sunny Street model](#)), and nurse-led Healthcare Clinics both nationally and internationally (see [Canberra model](#) and the [Florida Atlantic University Northwest Community Healthcare Alliance Community Health Centre](#)), and [Satellite Clinics](#) ACN believes that the leading model for providing nurse-led reproductive healthcare is the Queensland models of [outreach clinics](#) and mobile health buses are most appropriate. These models are critical in reaching these remote communities and providing expert advice to a vulnerable community and providing a holistic approach to reproductive healthcare.

ACN believes that as this model is already in existence, has a track record of success, and is easily adaptable, it is most appropriate to reach these communities. It must also be acknowledged that replicating this model nationally will require extensive education and training for nurse practitioners moving into these vulnerable communities. To deliver these models of care, ACN strongly encourages the Australian Government to consider investing \$360,000.00 for nurses and nurse practitioners to have access to education modules regarding reproductive health and trauma-informed practice.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards
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