

Table 1 - Regulatory approaches to termination in Australian jurisdictions

State	Termination lawful on request	Termination lawful on doctor satisfaction	More than one doctor Or committee required	Criminal offences for unlawful termination	Conscientious Objection Allowed	Counselling requirements	Safe Access Zones
Australia Capital Territory	YES	Not Referred to	NO	YES (doctors excluded)	YES *Not required to refer to another practitioner	Not Referred to	YES
New South Wales	NO	YES (if risk to life or health: Considered by Common Law)	NO	YES	NO *Not required to refer to another practitioner	Not Referred to	NO
Northern Territory	NO	YES (up to 23 weeks If appropriate in all the circumstances OR In emergency)	YES (after 14 weeks up to 23 weeks, 2 suitably qualified doctors Except in emergency)	YES (doctors, qualified persons and the woman excluded)	YES (except in emergency) *Must refer to another practitioner	Not Referred to	YES
Queensland	YES (up to 22 weeks)	YES (after 22 weeks if appropriate in all the circumstances OR In emergency)	YES	YES (doctors, qualified persons and the woman excluded)	YES (except in emergency) *Must refer to another practitioner	Not Referred to	YES
South Australia (current law)	NO	YES (if risk to life or health, Fetal abnormality, Emergency)	YES (2 doctors, Except in emergency)	YES	YES (except in emergency) *Not required to refer to another practitioner	Not Referred to	NO
Tasmania	YES (up to 16 weeks)	YES (after 16 weeks If risk to physical or Mental health)	YES (after 16 weeks only, 2 doctors required. Incl. 1 specialist)	YES (doctors and The woman excluded)	YES (except in emergency) *Must refer to another practitioner	Not Referred to	YES
Victoria	YES (up to 24 weeks)	YES (after 24 weeks If appropriate in all the Circumstances)	YES (after 24 weeks only, 2 doctors required)	YES (doctors, qualified persons and The woman excluded)	YES (except in emergency) *Must refer to another practitioner	Not Referred to	YES
Western Australia	NO	YES (up to 20 weeks. After 20 weeks if women or foetus has severe medical condition)	YES (after 20 weeks only, 2 doctors from a panel)	YES (doctors excluded)	YES *Not required to refer to another practitioner	Referral Must be Offered	NO