

Thank you for your supplementary question - *Dr Noonan advised that she has conducted research into women's sexual and reproductive health and rights in rural areas. Could you provide some further information on this research?*

My PHD thesis titled *Rural sexual and reproductive health and rights: an exploration of the experiences of consumers and providers navigating a rural health system for unintended pregnancy and abortion care in Australia* was conferred earlier this year.

The body of PHD research comprised three studies:

1. Qualitative study with consumers of rural primary healthcare services for unintended pregnancy and abortion in Western NSW
2. Qualitative study with primary healthcare providers supporting local community to manage unintended pregnancy and abortion care in Western NSW
3. Mixed method study examining pregnancy intention and consideration of abortion among people attending antenatal care in Western NSW (collaboration with Western NSW and Far West LHDs)

Currently there are two publications related to the first study available in the public domain:

- ["Almost like it was really underground": a qualitative study of women's experiences locating services for unintended pregnancy in a rural Australian health system - PubMed \(nih.gov\)](#)
- [What women want from local primary care services for unintended pregnancy in rural Australia: a qualitative study from rural New South Wales - PubMed \(nih.gov\)](#)

A manuscript for study 2 is currently under peer review with the international academic journal *Rural and Remote Health*, and the manuscript for study 3 is currently being written. If you would like me to share these publications with the Committee once they are available, I would be more than happy to do so.

My current work on sexual and reproductive health and rights involves mapping the current abortion 'deserts' (areas where abortion services are more than 160km away) and forecasting how changes in policy (i.e. routine public hospital provision, all GP practices having medication abortion provision) might change these abortion deserts. This is of particular relevance to rural and remote populations who often face the multiple complexities of being further away from available care and needing to travel large distances for longer periods at cost to themselves / major disruption to their other life commitments.

Should you require any more information on the above, please do let me know.

Best wishes,

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