



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**7 July 2025**

The New South Wales Upper House has established a Select Committee into fertility support and assisted reproductive treatment in New South Wales. Chair of the Committee, the Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC, said she hoped the committee would hear from people with lived experience who were willing to share their personal stories and insights to inform the committee's recommendations.

"For many, the path to parenthood is not straightforward, with infertility impacting approximately one in every six couples wishing to start a family," Ms Mitchell said.

"This inquiry is an opportunity to examine what supports are currently available in New South Wales, including for people experiencing fertility challenges, people managing related health conditions such as endometriosis, those undergoing medical treatments, and those impacted by pregnancy loss."

"The inquiry will also examine the process for accessing assisted reproductive treatments, such as IVF and surrogacy, and the barriers to treatment such as cost, wait times, availability, including the specific challenges for accessing these treatments in rural and regional New South Wales. We will also examine any legal uncertainties, as well as the emotional and psychological toll on families."

"It is important for the NSW Government to ensure there are adequate safeguards to protect individuals, couples and families accessing fertility and assisted reproductive treatment, but there must also be better supports for families going through these processes," Ms Mitchell concluded.

The inquiry will examine a wide range of issues, including:

- the current supports available for those experiencing infertility and relevant health issues such as endometriosis or undergoing cancer treatment
- the economic impacts of infertility and assisted reproductive technology
- access to and affordability of assisted reproductive technologies such as IVF and surrogacy
- existing education and public awareness around fertility
- current options available for assisted reproductive treatment, as well as the barriers to access
- specific factors impacting access to treatment in rural and regional New South Wales
- changes to government policies and surrogacy laws to protect families and surrogates
- a model national legal framework for surrogacy arrangements.

The committee welcomes individuals, families, and friends to share their personal insights and experiences with fertility support and assisted reproductive technologies such as IVF and surrogacy. Submissions from individuals can be made through the [Individual Submission Portal](#).

In addition, the committee invites submissions from interested stakeholders, including fertility companies, government agencies, organisations, associations, peak bodies, academics, or research and policy groups. These submissions can be made via the [Organisation Submission Portal](#).

The deadline for submissions is **Sunday 31 August 2025**.

For more information about this inquiry, including the committee membership, the terms of reference, and to lodge a submission, see the inquiry [webpage](#).

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