

Attachment B: WWDACT Detailed Priorities

The following table includes an overview of programs and policies WWDACT is hoping to see funded in the 2023-24 budget. The majority of these recommendations were outlined in our submissions to ACT government consultation processes (including our [submission to the Inquiry into abortion and reproductive choice in the ACT](#), and our [submission to the ACT Women's Plan 2016-26 Third Action Plan](#)), with additional recommendations developed in consultation with the WWDACT Policy Advisory Committee. To discuss these recommendations further, please contact Kat Reed, CEO at ceo@wwdact.org.au.

Violence prevention and women's* safety		
Item	Description	Justification
Increased commitment to violence prevention	Fund additional programs and reporting, ensuring that violence prevention policies and programs have an intersectional focus.	Wellbeing indicators: Feeling that voice and perspective matter , Human rights , Domestic and family violence , Feeling safe , Victims of Crime CRPD: Article 6 (Women with disabilities) , Article 13 (Access to justice) , Article 16 (Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse)
Disability Inclusion Advocates at violence crisis services	Fund crisis services to continue to employ Disability Inclusion Advocates.	Wellbeing indicators: Access to Services , Human rights , Domestic

		<p>and family violence, Feeling safe, Victims of Crime</p> <p>CRPD: Article 6 (Women with disabilities), Article 9 (Accessibility), Article 13 (Access to justice), Article 16 (Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse), Article 26 (Habilitation and rehabilitation)</p>
Sexual health and consent education	Fund age-appropriate sexual health and consent education for children with disabilities, both within and outside of schools.	<p>Wellbeing indicators: Equity of educational outcomes, Feeling safe, Domestic and family violence, Access to services, Human rights</p> <p>CRPD: Article 6 (Women with disabilities), Article 7 (Children with disabilities), Article 9 (Accessibility), Article 13 (Access to justice), Article 16 (Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse), Article 23 (Respect for home and the family), Article 24 (Education)</p>
Community education around reproductive health rights	Fund a community education project around reproductive health rights for women* with disability, aiming to change social attitudes that denies their right to parent or their autonomy over their body.	<p>Wellbeing indicators: Feeling safe, Domestic and family violence, Access to services, Human rights</p> <p>CRPD: Article 6 (Women with disabilities), Article 8 (Awareness-</p>

		raising), Article 23 (Respect for home and the family)
Public transport women's* safety audit	Fund a women's* safety audit of the public transport network, including lighting, accessibility, and night-time service frequency.	Wellbeing indicators: Access to services , Liveable city , Transport use and access , Human rights , Access to health services , Time spent travelling within Canberra , Feeling safe , Participation in community events and activities CRPD: Article 6 (Women with disabilities) , Article 9 (Accessibility) , Article 16 (Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse) , Article 19 (Living independently and being included in the community) , Article 20 (Personal mobility) , Article 29 (Participation in public and political life) , Article 30 (Participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport)
Accessible driver roles	Fund salaried accessible driver roles in the ACT, with incentives for female drivers, to create reliable and safe transportation options for women* who use a wheelchair.	Wellbeing indicators: Access to services , Liveable city , Transport use and access , Human rights , Access to health services , Time spent travelling within Canberra , Feeling safe , Participation in community events and activities

		<p>CRPD: Article 6 (Women with disabilities), Article 9 (Accessibility), Article 16 (Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse), Article 19 (Living independently and being included in the community), Article 20 (Personal mobility), Article 29 (Participation in public and political life), Article 30 (Participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport)</p>
<p>Public space upgrades</p>	<p>Fund accessibility audits and safety upgrades to all public spaces to ensure they are accessible to all Canberrans and safe for women*: including functional ramps, wide and well-kept paths, accessible bathrooms and change facilities, ample seating, good visibility, sufficient lighting, and CCTV camera coverage.</p>	<p>Wellbeing indicators: Access to services, Liveable city, Human rights, Access to health services, Feeling safe, Participation in community events and activities, Connection to nature, Sense of belonging and inclusion CRPD: Article 6 (Women with disabilities), Article 9 (Accessibility), Article 19 (Living independently and being included in the community), Article 20 (Personal mobility), Article 29 (Participation in public and political life), Article 30 (Participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport)</p>

<p>Taxi Subsidy Scheme</p>	<p>Increase funding for the Taxi Subsidy scheme to make all taxi trips free and uncapped for those on the scheme.</p>	<p>Wellbeing indicators: Access to services, Liveable city, Transport use and access, Human rights, Access to health services, Time spent travelling within Canberra, Feeling safe, Participation in community events and activities CRPD: Article 6 (Women with disabilities), Article 9 (Accessibility), Article 16 (Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse), Article 19 (Living independently and being included in the community), Article 20 (Personal mobility), Article 29 (Participation in public and political life), Article 30 (Participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport)</p>
<p>Expansion of crisis service locations</p>	<p>Fund expansion of crisis service locations to increase coverage and reduce travel times, with new locations to be co-located with other service institutions such as Centrelink or Access Canberra.</p>	<p>Wellbeing indicators: Feeling safe, Domestic and family violence, Access to services, Human rights, Liveable city, Time spent travelling within Canberra CRPD: Article 6 (Women with disabilities), Article 9 (Accessibility), Article 13 (Access to justice), Article 16 (Freedom from</p>

		exploitation, violence and abuse), Article 19 (Living independently and being included in the community) , Article 20 (Personal mobility)
<p>Individual advocacy and supported decision making</p>	<p>Increase funding to organisations providing individual advocacy, to ensure that women* experiencing violence are supported in accessing safety and justice. Additionally, ensure funding is provided for supported decision making alongside legislative and policy changes in abortion access, reproductive health and voluntary assisted dying.</p>	<p>Wellbeing indicators: Access to services, Human rights, Overall health, Access to health services, Feeling safe, Domestic and family violence, Feeling that voice and perspective matter, Access to justice and restorative practice, Trust in other institutions CRPD: Article 6 (Women with disabilities), Article 9 (Accessibility), Article 10 (Right to life), Article 9 (Accessibility), Article 13 (Access to justice), Article 16 (Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse), Article 19 (Living independently and being included in the community)</p>

Health		
Item	Description	Justification
Disability Liaison Officer at Canberra Health Services	Fund a Disability Liaison Officer at CHS, to advocate and assist patients with disabilities.	Wellbeing indicators: Access to Services , Human rights , Overall Health , Mental Health , Access to Health Services , Feeling safe CRPD: Article 6 (Women with disabilities) , Article 9 (Accessibility) , Article 25 (Health) , Article 26 (Habilitation and rehabilitation)
Affordable, accessible and disability-informed Assisted Reproductive Technology in the ACT	Funding for a public low-cost ART clinic in the ACT.	Wellbeing indicators: Access to Services , Human rights , Access to Health Services , Feeling safe , Quality of Time . CRPD: Article 6 (Women with disabilities) , Article 9 (Accessibility) , Article 23 (Respect for home and the family) , Article 25 (Health)
Greater distribution of medical specialists	Increase medical specialist coverage across the ACT, reducing the need for women* with disabilities to travel large distances to access healthcare.	Wellbeing indicators: Access to services , Liveable city , Human rights , Overall health , Access to health services , Time spent travelling within Canberra

		CRPD: Article 6 (Women with disabilities) , Article 9 (Accessibility) , Article 19 (Living independently and being included in the community) , Article 25 (Health) , Article 26 (Habilitation and rehabilitation)
Transportation upgrades to hospitals	Fund upgrades to transportation to Canberra Hospital in Woden, including increased frequency of public transport, easily accessible transport information, a diversity of options including accessible shuttle or taxi services, and a permanent shuttle bus to facilitate moving from carpark to hospital.	Wellbeing indicators: Access to services , Liveable city , Transport use and access , Human rights , Overall health , Access to health services , Time spent travelling within Canberra CRPD: Article 6 (Women with disabilities) , Article 9 (Accessibility) , Article 19 (Living independently and being included in the community) , Article 20 (Personal mobility) , Article 25 (Health) , Article 26 (Habilitation and rehabilitation)
Accessibility upgrades to health resources	Existing health information resources and websites should be funded to ensure accessible and comprehensive health information is available to women*. Information should be available in multiple	Wellbeing indicators: Access to services , Digital access , Human rights , Overall health , Access to health services CRPD: Article 6 (Women with disabilities) , Article 9 (Accessibility) ,

	languages, including Auslan translations; and have easy English translations and resources available. Information should also be made available in locations where online literacy or access to internet is limited.	Article 19 (Living independently and being included in the community) , Article 21 (Freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information) , Article 25 (Health)
Boost the mental health care workforce	Fund measures to boost the mental health care workforce and increased funding for disability-informed services, to reduce wait times and allow women* with disabilities to access these supports when they require them.	Wellbeing indicators: Access to services , Human rights , Overall health , Mental health , Access to health services CRPD: Article 6 (Women with disabilities) , Article 9 (Accessibility) , Article 19 (Living independently and being included in the community) , Article 21 (Freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information) , Article 25 (Health)
Low-sensory environments in healthcare settings	Fund low-sensory environments to be provided in all healthcare settings, especially in hospitals, to mitigate sensory overload and traumatic responses to overwhelming environments.	Wellbeing indicators: Access to services , Human rights , Overall health , Mental health , Access to health services CRPD: Article 6 (Women with disabilities) , Article 9 (Accessibility) , Article 25 (Health) , Article 26 (Habilitation and rehabilitation)

<p>Disability awareness training for healthcare workers</p>	<p>Fund disability awareness and trauma awareness training to frontline health services staff across the Territory.</p>	<p>Wellbeing indicators: Access to services, Human rights, Overall health, Mental health, Access to health services CRPD: Article 6 (Women with disabilities), Article 8 (Awareness-raising), Article 9 (Accessibility), Article 19 (Living independently and being included in the community), Article 25 (Health), Article 26 (Habilitation and rehabilitation)</p>
<p>Accessible health education materials for menopause</p>	<p>Fund new disability-informed educational materials around menopause and peri-menopause, including Easy English versions.</p>	<p>Wellbeing indicators: Access to services, Human rights, Overall health, Access to health services CRPD: Article 6 (Women with disabilities), Article 9 (Accessibility), Article 21 (Freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information), Article 25 (Health)</p>
<p>Perinatal care advocacy and training</p>	<p>Increase funding to community organisations for their work around perinatal care and mental health. Provide training to perinatal and maternity staff around postpartum psychosocial conditions and</p>	<p>Wellbeing indicators: Access to services, Human rights, Overall health, Mental health, Access to health services CRPD: Article 6 (Women with disabilities), Article 8 (Awareness-</p>

	complex mental illness, enabling maternity wards to recognise the signs and provide appropriate care for new parents.	raising), Article 9 (Accessibility) , Article 19 (Living independently and being included in the community) , Article 23 (Respect for home and the family) , Article 25 (Health) , Article 26 (Habilitation and rehabilitation)
Extended medical consultation times for women* with disabilities	Fund subsidised adjustments and extended consultation times for women* with disabilities in medical settings.	Wellbeing indicators: Access to services , Human rights , Overall health , Mental health , Access to health services CRPD: Article 6 (Women with disabilities) , Article 9 (Accessibility) , Article 25 (Health)
Childcare provision in medical centres	Fund childcare options in Canberra medical centres, to allow parents of young children to access medical appointments confidentially.	Wellbeing indicators: Access to services , Human rights , Overall health , Mental health , Access to health services , Unpaid work including caring CRPD: Article 6 (Women with disabilities) , Article 9 (Accessibility) , Article 19 (Living independently and being included in the community) , Article 23 (Respect for home and the family) , Article 25 (Health)

Shared priorities and co-design

Item	Description	Justification
Full implementation of Disability and Women's* Strategies	Comprehensive funding for existing strategy development and implementation, including the ACT Disability Strategy, ACT Disability Health Strategy, ACT Disability Justice Strategy, and Third Women's Action Plan.	Wellbeing indicators: Access to Services , Human rights , Access to Health Services , Feeling safe , Quality of Time , Feeling that voice and perspective matter , Sense of belonging and inclusion , Living standards , Employment , Overall health CRPD: Article 4 (General obligations) , Article 6 (Women with disabilities) , Article 9 (Accessibility) , Article 12 (Equal recognition before the law) , Article 25 (Health) , Article 29 (Participation in political and public life)