



# Women and Reproductive Health: A Panel Discussion

Over time our society moves forward in its understanding and treatment of women, including their access to reproductive health options and healthcare.

Victorian Women Lawyers' Justice Committee and Allens are pleased to host an evening of discussion between our distinguished panelists about the landscape of reproductive health for women in Victoria.

Please join us for canapés and drinks prior to the seminar and submit a question for our panel when you register.

## EVENT DETAILS

**DATE:** Wednesday, 6 November 2019

**TIME:** 6:00pm - 8:00pm

**6:00pm** registration and light refreshments

**6:30pm** panel event commences

**7:30pm** networking and light refreshments

**8:00pm** event concludes

**LOCATION:** Allens

Level 37, 101 Collins Street, Melbourne

**MODERATED BY:** Nicky Friedman,  
Director of Community Engagement,  
Allens

**COST:** Free for VWL members  
\$10 for non-members

**REGISTER ONLINE AT:**  
[www.vwl.asn.au/events](http://www.vwl.asn.au/events)  
by Monday, 4 November 2019

### Louise Johnson | CEO, Victorian Assisted Reproductive Treatment Authority (VARTA)

Louise has been the Chief Executive Officer of the VARTA since 2005. Louise holds an Honours degree in microbiology, postgraduate qualifications in education and management, a Masters in Regulatory Studies and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Louise has worked extensively in the public health and education sectors and is a community member of the Occupational Therapy Board of Australia, member of the NHMRC Embryo Licensing Committee, and a past chairperson for Women's Health Victoria.



### Jane Bennett | Menstrual Educator | Victorian Women's Trust

Jane Bennett is a social worker, researcher, writer and renowned menstrual educator. Jane is the creator of several programs designed to support girls in their journey into womanhood and has authored multiple texts on the topics of menstruation, menopause, fertility and contraception. Jane has also worked extensively with the Victorian Women's Trust, most recently co-authoring a book titled "About Bloody Time: the menstrual revolution we have to have" as part of the gender equality project and the harm prevention entity of VWT, the Dugdale Trust for Women and Girls.



### Megan Paybody | Ernst & Young

Megan is part of Ernst & Young's Economics, Regulation and Policy team. Megan advises governments and private clients in Australia and abroad through the financial, economic and social impact analysis of programs and infrastructure. In 2017 Ernst & Young's Melbourne Economics team was engaged by EndoActive, a not-for-profit health promotion charity, to estimate and report on the economic impact of endometriosis in Australia. Megan led the research and economic analysis of the study released in May 2019 titled, "The Cost of Endometriosis in Australia".



### Nicky Friedman | Director of Community Engagement, Allens

Our panel discussion will be moderated by Nicky Friedman, the Director of Community Engagement at Allens. Nicky heads up the firm's extensive pro-bono, philanthropic, reconciliation and sustainability programs. Nicky has also worked in policy and research roles and has a background in social justice and law reform, focusing on women's rights. Nicky previously worked with the Victorian Law Reform Commission and is currently the Interim Chair of Justice Connect and Deputy Chair of the Victorian Women's Trust.

