

To whom it may concern,

I think it is very important to include in the GST exemption the full spectrum of products that can be used for feminine hygiene, particularly reusable products.

Reusable products allow people who experience menstruation to have more choice in using products which work for them, their body, their flow, their environmental ethos, and their lifestyle; which minimise the impact on Australia's waste facilities, especially with the current issues with offshore waste and recycling processing; and are more environmentally friendly due to lower use of resources in the total lifecycle and their inherent reusability.

The list of products I would like to be included is as follows:

- menstrual cups, of silicone, latex rubber, or other materials deemed medically suitable, including but not restricted to Mooncup UK, The Keeper, Diva Cup, Lunette, et. al.
- fabric pads and panty liners.
- menstrual high absorbency underwear, including but not limited to Thinx, ModiBody et. al.
- disposable pads and panty liners.
- disposable tampons, both applicator and non-applicator varieties.

Women don't get to choose if they menstruate. Women don't get to choose if they need menstrual products. They should be 100% FREE for all of them, let alone not have GST on them. That's absolutely abominable to tax tampons and pads and you don't tax fresh food because you deem that necessary? Imagine what the world of men would be like on public transport if women didn't use menstrual products? **THEY ARE NOT A CHOICE.**