

TO WHO IT MAY CONCERN:

I think it would be an absolute shame and pure sign that democracy and humanity is eroding in our country if a womans' choice of having a baby at home with the midwife of her choosing was taken away. Home births and home birthing midwives have a upstanding history ,both statistically and performance wise, when compared to other birthing choices such as "traditional" hospital births.

I delivered both my children. One in a hospital and the second at home. Both were positive experiences that I'm proud of . I'm glad to have had a choice in the matter and consider it a basic human right.

I call on all appropriate ministers on this matter to do the right thing and allow private midwifery to have BOTH a Legal and Respected place in Australian society and culture.

yours sincerely ,

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