

To whom it may concern:

I strongly support the right of women to give birth at home under the care of a trusted registered midwife. From my own experience, it is the most comfortable and loving way to go unless one has medical needs that need to be attended to in a hospital. But this is usually not the case.

In regards to:

- Inquiry into National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for Doctors and Other Health Workers
- Inquiry into Health Legislation Amendment (Midwives and Nurse Practitioners) Bill 2009 and two

I would like to state

- that women should have the choice they feel most at ease with whether it is at home surrounded by family or in a hospital, and both choices should be supported by the medical system, and
- that the Commonwealth must indemnify homebirth midwives until a private policy can be found.

Kind regards,
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