

Re: Inquiry into Health Legislation Amendment (Midwives and Nurse Practitioners) Bill 2009 and two related Bills

I write to express my concern about the above bills. I understand that these bills will enable Medicare funding, access to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and professional indemnity premium support for midwives providing care for women to give birth in hospital.

Medicare funding for midwifery care is long overdue. However to not include homebirth makes me so sad

I was blessed to have 2 of my 3 sons born at home. I chose this as I was a healthy woman who wanted to give birth in her own home surrounded by family, with my other children present.

I also was under the care of a very professional independent midwife

I am concerned if we take away the opportunity for a SAFE home birth ie One attended by a professional midwife, I know women will still go ahead and birth without a MW. This concerns me as it puts baby and mother in danger.

IT MAY BE HARD TO UNDERSTAND WHY WOMEN LIKE MYSELF ARE SO PASSIONATE ABOUT BEING ABLE TO HOME BIRTH.... THE FACT WE ARE SO PASSIONATE MAY HELP YOU BELIEVE THE TRUTH THAT WOMEN WILL STILL HOME BIRTH WITHOUT A MIDWIFE - This is the scary truth. PLEASE DON'T ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN

Give Independent Midwives the respect they deserve, allow them Medicare funding and access to insurance

Yours sincerely

Your Ally SAnchez