

**REGARDING THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR CHANGES TO MATERNITY
CARE IN AUSTRALIA -**

IMPACT STATEMENT PROVIDED BY:

Nadine Saltmarsh

MY STATEMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

I gave birth to my youngest child at home 8 1/2 years ago. It was a joyous occasion, in a relaxed, comfortable and safe environment. I was extremely well cared for and my husband and I had full trust in our midwife.

We chose to have a home birth so that our older children could be involved in they so chose. We also did not want the hassle of finding care arrangements for them while we birthing at a hospital. We also wanted ~~the~~ to be surrounded by the comforts of our home. To sleep in our own beds, to eat our own food and to provide the necessary care for all of our children was very important to us.

I am very saddened to think that other families may not be able to have the same options available to them.

SIGNED:



DATE:

16.7.09