

MY STATEMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

My name is Lindy Davies. I have researched extensively on birth processes and maternity care from many cultures and stages in history. I've researched outcomes and compared mainstream western maternity care with more natural, unrestricted homebirthing. I made a conscientious choice for homebirth 3 times. Once the government ripped that choice away from me when they allowed my midwife's indemnity insurance to be ripped away. She chose not to continue practicing. We were pitchforked at 7 months into the hospital system, and our whole family, not least my son, were traumatised by the resulting 'care.' My hospital birth was a heavy handed, mishandled, over-managed, disrespectful, inept, intrusive, incompetent, traumatic and ultimately health damaging experience for me but more significantly, my son. It took him months to fully heal from their mishandled and unauthorised feeding practices, and took us both a few very stressful and pressure-filled weeks to establish a healthy feeding process that regained his weight loss and health. I will NEVER birth in hospital again unless it is necessary for my baby's health, and I will teach my children and anyone else that will listen that hospital is NOT a good place for normal and natural birth.

I've also had two beautiful, gentle and healthful births at home. No complications, no intrusions, no abuse of power, no pressure - and my babies were fit, healthy and happy, and so was I! I take every opportunity to tell everyone how great homebirth is!

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