

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

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**MY STATEMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:**

I strongly believe homebirth and independent midwifery should remain legal. Although I do not plan to have any more children if I fell pregnant I would do everything I could to stay out of the hospital system. I believe the care provided by an independent midwife in ~~my~~ <sup>their</sup> own home is much better for mother/father and their child.

Homebirth is an experience that can not be had anywhere else and I really want my friends, family and the community to be able to be supported in choosing a homebirth with an independent midwife.

The risks of homebirth being pushed 'underground' are not worth it. keep homebirth legal!!

**SIGNED:**

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