

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

IMPACT STATEMENT PROVIDED BY:

Rachael and Jason Webb

Please keep independent Midwifery services available! Without the help of an independent midwife, my baby would not be breastfed! After following the advice from conventional services, I was told to give up feeding my baby as my breast abscess was out of control. I sought the help of a local independent midwife, and the ^{personalised} care I received was exceptional. Although I had my 3 children in a Birthing unit, I believe I would prefer to have my next child at home. I need to have a choice; my birthing process is about me, my baby and my family. I need my children to have choices about their birthing in the future. If you remove a woman's power, she can not birth properly - ^{she needs} ~~with~~ her power! Please give us power to choose. Birthing, pregnancy and baby care are personal - its not one size fits all - please tailor birthing choices to allow for natural births as well as medical ones.

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Rachael Webb

DATE:

14/07/09

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MY STATEMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

We plan to have more children. Our children will have children. We plan to have ^{birth} them where we want to ^{and} with whom we want to be present. If we choose to have our children at home - we do not want it to be 'secret' or 'illegal'. We do not want our child's life compromised because he/she cannot get the care of a state recognised and supported midwife - with medical supplies and proper training and experience. We want professional personal care in a familiar environment. Our home. The rate of ^{unnecessary} intervention in hospitals today is alarming! I detest it. A mother and baby deserve the right to choose where and how she gives birth. I expect and demand this for my children, and their children.

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