

REGARDING THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR CHANGES TO MATERNITY CARE
IN AUSTRALIA –

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My home birth was a safe and wonderful experience. I chose it because I believe, following extensive research, that this would give my baby and I the best outcomes. I intensely dislike clinical settings, and believe that labour is a personal experience best done in an environment controlled by the women, with the support of two highly qualified midwives.

If midwives are prevented from assisting homebirths in Australia I would seek midwives willing to do this "underground". I am aware that I would have no consumer protections whatsoever in doing this. I would pretend the birth was an unplanned homebirth.

Should I or the baby need to be transported to hospital in an emergency in this situation, I don't know what would happen. Perhaps my midwife would come and risk severe reprimand? Perhaps not?

I deeply fear that someone is going to get very injured by this change in legislation. And what for? No explanation has been provided.

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