

Re: Inquiry into Health Legislation Amendment (Midwives and Nurse Practitioners) Bill 2009 and two related Bills

I wish for all committee members to read the following paper in whole or part to debunk the myth that Professional Indemnity Insurance is not viable for privately practicing midwives. This comes from the website of Australian Lawyers Alliance. Please read, I have seven children and we have paid to have them birthed beautifully, all except the first two, we took the cheaper option offered at hospital and are still paying....

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This is our extensive submission to the forum convened by then Federal Health Minister Kay Patterson. The submission canvasses the real reasons for the crisis in medical indemnity, debunking the myth that excessive or frivolous lawsuits are the real drivers of increased insurance premiums.

Yours Sincerely,

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