

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in response to the Inquiry into Health Legislation Amendment (Midwives and Nurse Practitioners) Bill 2009 and related Bills.

My family and I are strong advocates for the right to choose to homebirth.

After carefully considering our options, we decided to birth our son at home with the support of two qualified midwives.

The experience was empowering, gentle and nurturing. We were in the comfort of our own surroundings and expertly supported by our registered midwives.

Surely the LAST thing we want in Australia is to make a law that makes giving birth in one's own home, with the assistance of trained professionals, illegal!

By funding and indemnifying private homebirth, the fundamental right to be able to choose whether or not we should give birth at home will be empowered.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Kelly Norton