

In 1995 and 1998 I birthed both my children at home. Healthy births with healthy babies. In 1998, the midwives homebirth scheme in Perth, WA was federally funded. Did this project receive the acclaim it deserved? Were the outcomes positive. Yes. Lots of money was saved and the health system was allivated of its burden to look after healthy people. I urge you to make sure that women who are healthy have the option to birth in the privacy and safety of their homes. Just like in NZ and in England. Please make sure that midwives are able to receive the insurance package no matter where their clients choose to birth. It is important that this bill does not 'accidently' take away a woman's right to choose where she carries out a normal biological process.

Thank you for taking the time to read my opinion.

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