

Friday, 10 July, 2009

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

I am most concerned that the above bills, will not provide the legal option or protection for midwives who attend women who wish to birth at home.

They will force some women to take the potentially dangerous option, of birthing without qualified assistance.

They are extremely retrograde and undemocratic.

Please ensure that independent midwives can continue their valuable work in assisting women who wish to choose a safe and successful Home Birth.

Yours sincerely

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