

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you regarding the non-inclusion of homebirth's into the medicare scheme for Midwives. I am deeply saddened that the Government that i have elected to represent me are taking away a basic human right from the Women of Australia. This ruling being introduced by Nicola Roxon the Health Minister will force women who give birth at home to either do so without the support and expertice of a qualified, experienced midwife or they will have to have a medicalised birth leaving them greatly at risk of unneccessary complications and interventions. I am a nurse (not a midwife) and a mother of two under two i had two very different hospital births, one very complex and my second completely natural. I would have loved a home birth however we could not afford to pay for a private midwife.

Please reconsider this decision i believe that you are doing a great injustice to the women of Australia!

Other Countries and even WA have funded Home Birth systems apparently so why can't we look at this before essentially making them illegal.

Thank you for your time
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