

Dear Senator Moore

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

I am writing to ask you to protect women's rights, my right, to choose a home birth assisted by a qualified midwife. I gave birth to a beautiful baby boy at home in March this year, assisted by a birth attendant and midwife. It was an amazing experience, prepared for with enormous diligence and care.

I believe I birthed my baby in the most safe, loving environment available to me and I plan to do the same for my future children.

Surely as a woman and a mother I deserve the right choose the place of birth for my children. Hospitals are for sick people not for people partaking in the most normal natural healthy process known to mankind!

I ask that you take steps to include homebirth within the Health Legislation Amendment (Midwives and Nurse Practitioners) and related Bills.

I support a system where all consumers are treated equally, with the same access to funding and the same insurance protection.

Yours sincerely

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