

To Whom it May Concern,

I feel the need to share my concerns. I Have had three beautiful births. Two in hospital and one at home. I had an OB for my first two births and it was she who suggested that i have a home birth for my third. She suggested this as i have natural, normal however VERY quick births. She stated that myself and my baby would be safest at home with a midwife.

I planned my home birth well with the support of my OB. I found a lovely professional home birth midwife to attend my birth. My husband and i paid \$3500 for her services and it was money well spent. Whilst the birth was again, normal and natural there were still MANY times over the pregnancy, birth and post natal period that we relied on her skills.

My number 1 concern with the change of legislation due in July 10, is that my choice to have a skilled professional attend my next birth has been removed! Leaving me with what choice? Deliver my baby in the back of a car? Sit in hospital for weeks waiting for the baby to be born? Call an ambulance?? As you can well imagine all these options are at a huge cost and strain on our already over stretched medical system. Whereas my choice would be to reemploy, my professional, experienced midwife again.

Please do not remove my right to choose where and how i deliver my baby,

Regards Amelia Clarke