

Dear Senator Moore,

I am writing to you as I am deeply concerned that the rights of all women to choose where they give birth to their children is in jeopardy.

I am aware that homebirth midwives will not be included in the new Health Legislation Amendment and that as a result home birthing midwives will be unable to practice. If this is true then really the government of Australia is outlawing homebirth thus making it illegal for women to have their children at home!!!

Whether you are a woman who would choose Homebirth or not is not the issue here it is our basic right of choice. Home Birth is not a scary new concept but an age old one. More than half of the women in the world still give birth at home.

This then is a BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE!!! Is Australia going to be the country that takes away a woman's right to choose where they have their children? Is that ethical? That our democratic government feel they can outlaw homebirth?

I personally have three children, two I had in hospital and one at home, I respect that all women need to make their own personal choice- my concern is that in our modern world we are having that choice taken away from us.

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

Yours sincerely

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