

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

Dear Claire

I have planned to have a home birth in December this year.

My last birth at the hospital was wonderful but I was only there for ½ Hr before I gave birth. The 40min drive to the hospital was unnecessary and the only bad thing about my birth experience.

Please consider following the model of many other western countries such as the New Zealand, UK and Netherlands and allow homebirths to be a normal and supported choice for women.

Please give me the choice of having my homebirth legally and supported by medicare.

Yours sincerely

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