

Hello,

I am writing to give my support to Homebirth Australia & independent midwives across the country.

The proposed changes to legislation have failed to provide for private midwives who homebirth.

I strongly believe that the government should provide indemnity insurance for private midwives, in order to allow the practise of homebirthing to continue safely.

Without this provision, women will continue to give birth at home but in far less safe conditions, putting both mother & baby at risk.

Where to give birth to you child should be as important as how.

Many women feel safer & more comfortable at home and the government should be providing this option, covered by medicare & support the midwives who do it with insurance.

As a mother of 3, with number 4 on the way, I would love to be able to have my children at home. Unfortunately the cost involved in hiring a private midwife I could not afford.

Why with such an ailing health system in this state is homebirthing not offered by the government as an option?

For low risk women and pregnancies, I can not understand why the option is not available.

Please make sure that Australia does not become a dictatorship, removing free will of people to choose their method of health care.

During the massive skills shortage in this country, we need to value all midwives & create a nation that allows choice & support for all methods of health care, especially birthing.

Thankyou

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