

Ms Claire Moore
Chair
Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Dear Senator Moore,

Firstly, I would like to commend the introduction of the National Regulation of Health Practitioners. I think it is really important to have a National Body regulates health care providers. However, I was incredibly disheartened to discover that this will not be accessible to Independent midwives, therefore forcing home birth to become illegal! How outrageous! Although I myself have not given birth at home, many of my friends have and have been incredibly upset since this announcement. I passionately believe that every woman should have every birthing option available to them, and to take one of these choices away is dis-empowering women.

I urge you to reconsider and find a way that independent midwives can be apart of this National Regulation Body. Midwives have been able to carry out home births without insurance for the last 8 years, surely there is away this service can continue.

Your Faithfully,
Megan Gardiner
Mother of 9 year old girl and 2 year old boy.