

To whom it may concern,

I am a mother who has birthed all four of my children safely at home under the experienced and professional care of a midwife.

I am distraught at the thought of these magnificent women being denied their livelihood and I am horrified at the thought of home birth no longer being one of the many birthing choices for women in Australia.

If women can elect for a voluntary and therefore unnecessary caesarian covered by medicare then surely women who chose to birth at home under the care of a midwife should be afforded the same benefit.

Home birth must remain a legal option for Australian woman and midwives must be indemnified.

Yours Sincerely

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