

The current structure of bills before the house, I believe, will effectively make it illegal for midwives to work with Home Birthing.

Considering that the human race exists because of Home Birth, is this a wise move to remove this option for parents who do not wish to participate in the hospital system?

I know this is not the normal scenario, but the fact is that I almost died in a public hospital in Brisbane at birth because of medical incompetence. Opposing this, that all my five brothers and sisters were born in New Guinea with native midwives and had no concerns what-so-ever.

My youngest son was born at home, without complication, and without doctors present. He is a perfect example of a thriving 17 year old now.

To effectively remove the option for a woman to legally have a midwife attend her birth in her own home I believe runs contrary to the basic concepts of natural justice, and any move to in effect prevent home birth will lead to legal challenges and significant cost to government and the people.

Isn't it wiser to simply ammend legislation to give breathing space for the Home Birth option?

Given that in the US some 80000 deaths are directly related to infections in hospitals, and that all up some 250000 people die a year in the US directly related to iatrogenic causes is it really wise to remove an option that has proven to be safe, inexpensive and in simple terms, a kinder option than the harsh medical processes.

Obviously, if home birth is removed as an option for parents, any child that dies in a hospital where the preferred option was home birth leads for hospitals to be weighed down with expensive law suits.

It makes little sense to remove a safe, simple and long standing practice.

Let's look at the facts:

Home Bith places little to no strain on the hospital system

Home Birth is a cheaper option, so it makes financial sense.

Home Birth is proven to be effective and safe, but only when under the guidance of a competant midwife

Politically, there are only votes to be lost if Midwives are prevented from doing what they have done for thousands of years.

It makes no sense, so I ask that amendments to the current proposed legislation be put into place that allow midwives to continue to practice Home Birthing proceedures.

Sincerely yours

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