

Hello,

I am very concerned about the impact of these bills on the ability of women to employ independent midwives and access home births. I would like to make a submission for the Senate Inquiry, however I am unsure what would be an appropriate submission.

I have recently had a beautiful home water birth in the ACT with an independent midwife. I would consider sharing my personal experience, arguments on the importance of independent midwifery, the importance of home birth as a safe choice for uncomplicated births, and the rights of women to make informed choices and access the maternal care that suits them and their baby best.

Before doing so, I would like to know if this material is relevant to the Senate Inquiry. Is there further information available on the Bills or the terms of reference of the inquiry aimed at the public?

Thank you for your help and your time. I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible. (I understand submissions close on Monday 20th July)

yours sincerely,

Leonie MacDonald