

Dear Committee Secretary,

I am writing to you in regards to proposed legislation that stipulates that midwives will have a legal requirement to have Public Indemnity Insurance (PII) in order to have a private practice.

I am looking forward to having my 3rd baby and wish to do this in the peace and tranquility of my own home without the fussy obtrusive hospital atmosphere. Unfortunately Australia is not as advanced in home birth as other European countries such as the United Kingdom.

Currently Victoria does not offer publicly funded homebirth services so women wanting to continue birthing at home will be denied this opportunity to do so with a highly qualified and registered midwife. I would like a joyous and SAFE alternative and I urge you to think twice.
Regards Rebecca Weston