

Dear Senator Moore

Regarding the inquiry into Health Legislation Amendment (Midwives and Nurse Practitioners) Bill 2009 and two related Bills

I am the father of two children having home births. The first was one hundred percent at home with the care and attention of a midwife and backup of a doctor. The second was with a midwife having strong connections with Royal Women's Hospital. When the labour went on for too long we decided to go to the hospital. We had choice. My wife had the joy of the support and skills of her own midwife in the birth unit.

I am concerned about the above bills. Homebirth is a woman's choice and does not always have to be medicalised. Many other countries, especially England, have national health supported home births. I ask you to include homebirthing within the Health Legislation Amendment (Midwives and Nurse Practitioners) and related Bills.
In concern,
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