

**Ms Claire Moore**  
**Chair**  
**Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

Dear Senator Moore

**Re: Inquiry into Health Legislation Amendment (Midwives and Nurse Practitioners) Bill 2009 and two related Bills**

I write to you, with deep concern about the Inquiry into Health Legislation (Midwives and Nurse Practitioners) – you see, as it stands, if these bills are passed several of my close friends and family will have their livelihoods and choices stripped from them.

The bills as they are written, will virtually illegalise home birth, and this not only impacts the independent midwives and birthing mothers, but also many, many businesses trading in the birthing industry.

Without homebirth – those of use who sell birthing pools will be out of business

Without homebirth – those of us who sell natural birthing books will be out of business

Without homebirth – those of us who run communities to discuss homebirth will be out of business.

As a home birthing mother, and business owner, I would like to put forth that a system is devised where all consumers are treated equally, and all have access to the same rights and options.

As a woman, I would like to put forth that my human rights, and consumer rights are protected.

Yours sincerely,

*Kiera Pedley*