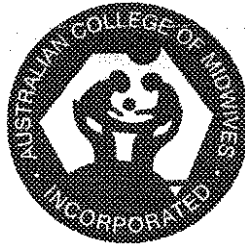
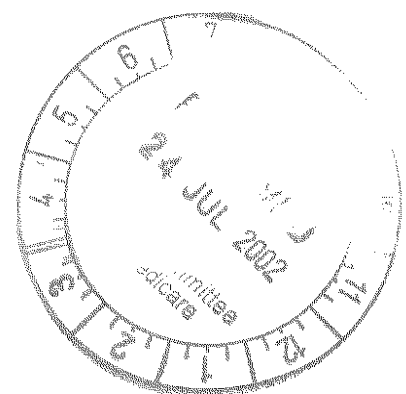


AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF MIDWIVES INCORPORATED



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10 July 2003

The Secretary  
Select Committee on Medicare  
Suite S1 30  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam

I write in support of the following submission to the Senate Select Committee on Medicare.

The Australian College of Midwives Inc supports best practice maternity care for all Australian women, in particular excellence in midwifery care. The Maternity Coalition's submission makes a clear argument to implement best practice maternity care, via a model that can alleviate workforce issues with Obstetricians, GP's and Midwives, increase choice to women, improve outcomes, and reduce unnecessary spending.

I commend the submission to the committee and look forward to a Medicare system, based on best practice.

Yours sincerely

Vanessa Owen  
President  
ACMI

The College supports the submission to the Committee provided by the national maternity consumer organisation, the Maternity Coalition.

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