

Save Private Midwifery!!!!

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Hello

I am writing to you in regards to the Inquiry into Health Legislation Amendment (Midwives and Nurse Practitioners) Bill 2009 and two related Bills. I believe all Australian women, myself included, have the right to an insured personal midwife in a homebirth setting and for the costs to be government funded.

Homebirths MUST be allowed for when amending this legislation. Banning midwives from attending homebirths would be the worst decision in the history of women's rights as well as the health of Australians! Birth Centres alone cannot keep up with the demand for women who wish to have access to these services. Many women will continue to birth at home alone. This could be absolutely disastrous-as without adequate support many women and children may die! Taking away a woman's choice to have a SAFE homebirth (where a midwife is in attendance) will only cause further strain to the nation's health system.

I urge you to prevent making such a terrible mistake!

Kind Regards  
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