

Exposure Draft (Bill B)

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I would like to submit my view regarding registration for midwives and the requirement of indemnity insurance to be registered, thus making it illegal for midwives to attend a birth in the woman's home.

Women's bodies belong to women not the government or the medical profession. It is my right as a woman to choose who I have at my birth and where I birth and who I employ to be a guardian of my birthing place.

The proposed changes will take that **HUMAN RIGHT** away.

I would like to know and hope I get a response: Why do some states in Australia have a State Government Home Birth Policy? To include home birth can we make it a national policy in Australia, rather than deny a Woman's CHOICE.

Thank you for the opportunity to be able to submit my view point.

Kind Regards

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