

Exposure Draft

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To NRAIP 17/7/09 04:59PM

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to add my voice of concern regarding the National Regulation of Health Practitioners.

It is with great disappointment and distress that i find the future of homebirth, as an option not only for myself but for my daughters and sons, to be under threat.

To have the right to make an informed choice in any area of my life is of utmost importance to me, and i generally take this to be a given in this day and age of contemporary Australian society. To contemplate that this right of choice, in how i may birth, will not exist for me after the 1st July 2010 is at the moment beyond belief.

I write to implore that you seek, as an imperative, alternatives to the current draft which will enable private practice midwives to provide homebirth care.

It is my right, as an informed woman in our Australian society, to be able to choose to birth at home, with a competent practising professional midwife.

Please ensure that this right is not removed as a result of national regulation.

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