

Exposure Draft

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to:
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To whom it may concern,

re: Exposure draft of Health Practitioner Regulation National Law 2009 (Bill B)

I am sending this submission as I am strongly opposed to the introduction of the following legislation:

These laws will limit women from hiring the care provider of her choice to give birth in the safety of her own home, which I believe is a violation of a woman's basic human rights.

New Zealand has a home birth rate of 12%. In Holland it is 30%. Australia should be following these countries and helping to increase home birth rates, not eradicate them altogether.

I suggest that an amendment be made to the legislation to include an exemption for Independent Midwives to require indemnity insurance, especially since they have already been practicing without it for eight years, with no ill effect.

Your sincerely,

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