

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

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To the Minister

I am most concerned that this Bill will not protect Midwives wanting to support women who wish to birth at home, who are unable to access a hospital collaborative program.

All qualified midwives must be able to have indemnity insurance- how can it be democratic otherwise? Just as all mothers should have the choice of birthing where they wish, with the support of midwives.

Please address this inequity to ensure the lives of mothers and babies are not put at risk.

Yours sincerely

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