

Exposure Draft Attention Please

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Re: the \$30,000/ \$60,000

This is so out there in that no other professions have this level of penalty in their Bills.

Where has women's choice gone for safe birth with a known practitioner in their own home.

I agree midwives are certainly worth this level of remuneration for the skill and care they have achieved around the comprehensive care offered in the Antenatal, Labour, Postnatal. YET FOR THIS TO BE THE FINE FOR PRACTICING WHAT THEY ARE TRAINED TO DO leaving no one else SKILLED TO FILL THIS GAP TAKES AWAY HUMAN RIGHTS.

My experience is that the Home midwives are well aware of the system and the guidelines that control the hospital system! It is the women who make the decisions not to take up the systems care parameters, and to instruct the midwife to work in the way that she wishes. Surely if women wanted what the hospital was offering they would not be choosing home as their 1st choice of birth place.

To invent a penalty to punish women and midwives to do what both are skilled to do (observe and intervene when needed / give birth) is a STEP THAT TAKES US BACK TO THE DAYS BEFORE TRAINING AND REGISTRATION.

Why do doctors have so much say over the profession of midwifery women choose home to be out from the Paternal system.

DELETE THIS FROM THE BILL TO ASSIST WOMON TO BE SAFE IN BIRTH AND KEEP THESE HIGHLY TRAINED MIDWIVES IN OUR COUNTRY.

Yours sincerely

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MOTHER OF 3 HOME BORN ADULTS AND 1 BIRTHCENTRE BORN WITH MY OWN PRIVATE MIDWIFE

Private midwife for home birth women