

To whom it may concern,

I have concerns over the ability of AHPRA to place restrictions on a health care practitioner before any enquiry has taken place. In particular I have concerns about how this may impact on the ability of home birthing midwives to care for their clients in the setting they choose.

I would hate to see a situation where parents are forced into free birthing because their midwife has been removed without an enquiry and they don't wish to be involved in the hospital system.

As a father of two beautiful home birthed children I have found home birthing midwives to be an amazing resource if both knowledge and expertise that has enabled us to have a beautiful, natural, safe and healthy birth experience. It is my strong belief that home birth should be better supported not less in order to reduce the high levels of birth interventions we are currently seeing.

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