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To Whom It May Concern

I was told that the government is currently conducting an inquiry into breastfeeding in Australia, in particular factors that affect mums who are less likely to breastfeed, which includes young mums. I was also asked if i would write to you about my experiences.

I'm an 18 year old mother of one, a 3 month old daughter, Charlotte. I was 17 when i had her. I exclusively breastfeed her, and plan to do so until she is 6 months at least, 12 months ideally. Although breastfeeding in public is perfectly legal, there are still quite a few people who have problems with it. I think a lot of young mums prefer to formula feed their babies because

they are scared of what people will think while at the supermarket, breastfeeding. I think we need to make breastfeeding mums feel more

comfortable about breastfeeding, as it is the best thing for their baby. If you have any questions or anything, please do not hesitate in contacting

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me, I am more than willing to help with the inquiry, whatever I can do.

Thankyou, Rhona Jones