

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

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To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing to say I am strongly opposed to the introduction of the following legislation:

101 Conditions of registration

(1) If a National Board decides to register a person in the health profession for which the Board is established, the registration is subject to the following conditions:

(a) for a registered health practitioner other than a health practitioner who holds non-practising registration:

(i) that the registered health practitioner must complete the continuing professional development program required by the National Board, and

(ii) *that the registered health practitioner must not practise the health profession unless professional indemnity insurance arrangements are in force in relation to the practitioner's practice of the profession,*

Subdivision 6 General

148 Directing or inciting unprofessional conduct or professional misconduct

(1) *A person must not direct or incite a registered health practitioner to do anything, in the course of the practitioner's practice of the health profession, that amounts to unprofessional conduct or professional misconduct.*

Maximum penalty:

- (a) in the case of an individual—\$30,000, or
- (b) in the case of a body corporate—\$60,000.

These laws will limit our ability to hire a professional independent midwife for the birth of our next child, which I believe violates our human rights.

An amendment should be made to the legislation to include an exemption for Independent Midwives to require indemnity insurance.

Yours sincerely,

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