Good morning,

As a woman who would like to have the choice of birthing location when the time comes, I feel it is important for all my options to be supported individually as best as possible. Having been made aware of the current amalgamation of nursing and midwifery on the NMBA, I feel it is important to important I advocate for separation of the two.

The lack of currently practicing and home-birth midwives on the NMBA compromises its ability to accurately judge the midwife's practice. I believe there is quite a large difference between nursing the ill and assisting a mother giving birth, and one should not be judging the other as the skills and knowledge are not represented on the panel.

I would like to see a separate midwifery board created for disciplinary matters, one in which the panel have experience in the many contemporary elements of midwifery, as I believe this will result in the best judgements of midwives and in turn the greatest chance for safety and well-being of mothers and babies.

Thank you and kind regards,

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