

PLANNED HOMEBIRTH AGREEMENT

I/We _____ have engaged the services of
REGISTERED MIDWIFE _____ for the purpose of a planned homebirth.

I/We acknowledge that under current legislation in Australia, all regulated health professionals are required to have professional indemnity insurance. However, as there is no indemnity insurance product available to cover private midwives attending homebirth, private midwives are exempt from having professional indemnity insurance for attending homebirths. This exemption has been granted for two years from 1 July 2010.

However, professional indemnity insurance remains mandatory for antenatal and postnatal care, and my midwife has supplied me with a copy of her insurance policy for these aspects of care.

I/We therefore acknowledge that _____* will be attending our homebirth as a practising midwife but will NOT have professional indemnity insurance in relation to labour and birth at home.

I/We further acknowledge that we have been encouraged to seek independent advice at any time.

* Note: In the event that the undersigned midwife is personally unable to attend the birth, the designated second midwife may be asked to attend the birth under this agreement.

Date _____

Signed by parent/s

Signed by midwife