My name is Jane Cox and I have practiced as a Maternal Child Health Nurse in Victoria for 19ys. I have worked in several different local government areas and have also done extensive work with vulnerable families as part of the Enhanced Maternal Child Health program. I am registered as Maternal Child Health Nurse and a Midwife.

I am concerned with the recommendations that midwifery be removed as a qualification prerequisite for MCH Nurses. I believe that my midwifery qualification has given me a critical body of knowledge and invaluable professional skills in my work as a MCH Nurse and that this requirement should continue in the future.

The MCH service in Victoria has an outstanding reputation both nationally and internationally and my hope is that the recommendations will not reduce or diminish the quality of our service.

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