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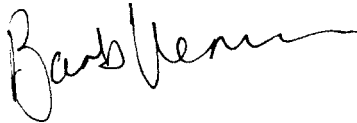
Dear Madam/Sir,

The Australian College of Midwives wishes to advise that it supports the submission to the Review of National Competition Policy provided by the national consumer advocacy organisation, the Maternity Coalition.

The Maternity Coalition's submission raises similar issues to those outlined in our submission to the Review. It highlights well from a consumer perspective the need for competition principles to be applied as a matter of priority to the maternity care sector in the interests of better serving women and their families and making more efficient use of scarce health care resources to the benefit of the whole community.

I look forward to hearing of the outcome of the Review's consideration of these issues and any attendant recommendations to be made to the federal and state governments.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Barbara Vernon
Executive Officer

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