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INQUIRY INTO THE OPERATION OF THE HEALTH CARE COMPLAINTS ACT 1993

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I am writing on behalf of the Australian College of Midwives NSW Branch.

There are many midwives in NSW who participate in clinical review for the HCCC. Members of the ACM NSW Executive have reviewed the Act and at this time cannot suggest any changes to the Act.

As reviewers we would request however that the time frame for reviews be extended. For reasons that are not clear it is often the midwife who is providing the last comment and the turn around times for our review and comment are often very quick: 2 - 3 weeks.

We thank you for the opportunity to comment

Yours sincerely

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