

Submission  
No 1272

## INQUIRY INTO BIRTH TRAUMA

**Name:** Mrs Morgan Wilson

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Partially  
Confidential

My name is Morgan, I am 35yrs old and live in . I have not yet birthed my child however felt the need to put in a submission in regards to continuity of care in regional areas. I applied for the midwifery group practice however was not accepted. I am an “older” mother but am considered very low risk with no health concerns and a very straight forward healthy pregnancy. I have had to have all care through my GP and then 2 fragmented check in appointments with the antenatal clinic at . We looked in to hiring a private midwife however at \$8000 we were not in the financial position to move forward with that option. We have since decided to hire a doula to work as our advocate and continuity in a system that does not know me. For someone with birth preferences outside the standards of the hospital setting I am concerned that without a doula my voice would not be heard in the medicalised system.