

# What pregnant women want..

in consultation with:

Friends of Mackay Birth Centre, Save Gladstone Maternity Services, Save Biloela Maternity Services, Bringing Birthing back to Chinchilla, Atherton Midwives and Mothers Alliance, Mothers and Midwives Alliance Cassowary Hub MGP, Families Fighting to Re-open Mossman Maternity, Save Rural Birthing Qld, Friends of the Birth Centre Qld and Homebirth Qld.



## Rural Birthing + BioC 1

**OPEN ASAP**

Biloela, Weipa, Cooktown, Chinchilla

**BUNDLED FUNDING**

antenatal, birth and postnatal care  
Level 2 minimum instead of "bypass"



## Public Home Birth 3

Only mainland state without it

Demand outstrips supply

Cost Saving \$6000/birth

Utilises virtual beds

Excellent outcomes

Cochrane Review states:

"Unethical not to offer"



## 2 Continuity of Midwifery Carer

**Targets 80% + timelines <5yrs**

WHY?

Preterm Birth ↓ 24%-50%

Cost saving \$5208/birth (\$250M annually)

Stillbirth ↓ 16%

Normal birth ↑

Demand outstrips supply

Efficient workforce model

Clinician and maternal trauma reduction



## 4 Birth trauma action

30% (most from mistreatment)

11% **Obstetric Violence**

White Ribbon Alliance 'Respectful Maternity Care Charter' underpin all care

**Review:** Ombudsman complaints, psychological support, RMC training for staff, collecting women's BT experiences

Existing supporting strategies, documents and legislation:

Rural Maternity Taskforce Recommendations

Woman Centred Care Maternity Strategy

Growing Deadly Families

Queensland Birth Strategy

Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

Senate Reproductive Healthcare Inquiry Recommendations 13-15

Queensland Human Rights Act

Consumer Engagement Standard 2