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Landmark Reforms for Mothers, Midwives and Nurses

The Government welcomes the recommendation of the Community Affairs Committee that the Midwives and Nurse Practitioners Bills be passed.

If enacted, this landmark legislation will deliver more choice and options for Australian mothers than ever before.

However, the fate of these changes rest with Liberal Party in the Senate.

The Rudd Governments' \$120 million maternity services package gives families greater choice in maternity care, and recognises the important role played by qualified midwives in the birthing experience of many Australian women.

The reforms will be a great step forward for mothers - giving them greater freedom, flexibility and support in how they choose to have their baby.

Importantly, the reforms will also recognise and enhance the capacity of our highly skilled nurse practitioner and midwifery workforce.

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