

Additional File 3. Sample characteristics of women as frequencies and percentages

		Total Sample (N=5,840) <sup>^</sup>	
		N/Mean	%/(SD)
<b>MATERNAL SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
Maternal age in years		30.53	(5.29)
Secondary education			
	<i>Not completed</i>	491	8.7
	<i>Completed</i>	5,162	91.3
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identification			
	<i>No</i>	5,536	98.4
	<i>Yes</i>	89	1.6
Area of residence			
	<i>Major city</i>	3,514	63.1
	<i>Inner regional</i>	1,059	19.0
	<i>Outer regional</i>	845	15.2
	<i>Remote/very remote</i>	151	2.7
<b>PREGNANCY DETAILS/COMPLICATIONS</b>			
Parity			
	<i>Multiparous – no previous caesarean</i>	2,084	36.8
	<i>Multiparous – previous caesarean</i>	932	16.5
	<i>Primiparous</i>	2,640	46.7
Plurality			
	<i>Single</i>	5,742	98.3
	<i>Multiple</i>	98	1.7
Pre-pregnancy BMI ( $kg/m^2$ )			
	<i>Underweight (&lt;18.5)</i>	275	5.2
	<i>Normal (18.5-25.0)</i>	3,005	57.1
	<i>Overweight (25.0-30.0)</i>	1,132	21.5
	<i>Obese (&gt;30.0)</i>	854	16.2
Gestational age in weeks		39.25	(2.02)
Gestational diabetes			
	<i>No</i>	5,233	91.5
	<i>Yes</i>	484	8.5
High blood pressure			
	<i>No</i>	5,084	89.1
	<i>Yes</i>	624	10.9
Low lying placenta			
	<i>No</i>	5,229	91.6
	<i>Yes</i>	478	8.4
Other risk factors			
	<i>No</i>	3,482	60.7
	<i>Yes</i>	2,255	39.3
<b>ANTENATAL AND INTRAPARTUM CARE</b>			
Model of care			
	<i>Private obstetric care</i>	2,355	43.9
	<i>Standard public care</i>	1,070	19.9
	<i>GP shared care</i>	1,224	22.8
	<i>Public midwifery continuity care</i>	684	12.7
	<i>Private midwifery care</i>	37	0.7
Known care providers – labour/birth			
	<i>None of them</i>	1,896	33.1
	<i>Some of them</i>	3,434	60.0
	<i>All of them</i>	391	6.8

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Continuity of care – labour/birth			
	<i>No</i>	1,592	27.8
	<i>Yes</i>	4,131	72.2
Rushed/hurried during labour			
	<i>No</i>	3,837	89.9
	<i>Yes</i>	430	10.1
<b>LABOUR/BIRTH EXPERIENCE</b>			
Continuous fetal monitoring			
	<i>No</i>	1,997	47.8
	<i>Yes</i>	2,177	52.2
Augmentation of labour			
	<i>Yes</i>	1,764	30.8
	<i>No</i>	3,798	66.2
	<i>Not sure</i>	172	3.0
Freedom of movement throughout labour			
	<i>No</i>	2,306	53.6
	<i>Yes</i>	1,994	46.4
Water immersion – labour			
	<i>No</i>	3,693	86.3
	<i>Yes</i>	588	13.7
Time of birth			
	<i>Inside business hours</i>	2,241	38.4
	<i>Outside business hours</i>	3,599	61.6
Position during birth			
	<i>Supine</i>	2,674	70.9
	<i>Non-supine</i>	1,097	29.1

SD = Standard deviation; Frequencies may not total 5,840 due to missing data or questions being not applicable for some women.