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 **Domiciliary Midwives Society of New Zealand.** 

Secretary Gillian Mcnicoll

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September 4th, 1983.

Henriette Kemp
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Dear Henriette,

Re: NZHBA submission to the Caucus Committee on Health and Welfare.

The Auckland Domiciliary Midwives met to read and discuss this submission.

The midwives generally felt that this submission was satisfactory with one suggested change.

This is to page 2 last paragraph and page 3 paragraph one.

Suggestion: "the NZHBA does not support the idea of domiciliary midwives being employed by the hospital boards. We feel that with the health services being reorganized it seems quite irrational to formulate regulations and bureaucratic routines to fit a structure which the Board of Health recognizes as being unresponsive to changing public attitudes such as the shift towards preventive medicine and community services." (Pg. 6 Discussion Document, Health Services Reorganization Dept. of Health, 1982) (Note: as per Auckland Home Birth Association Submission).

Also at this meeting was discussed the situation on Waiheke Island where the local Home Birth Support Group is contemplating providing equipment to a lay midwife. The domiciliary midwives felt quite concerned about this and hereby request that a letter be sent from either you or the secretary on behalf of the NZHBA asking the group to disassociate themselves from the HBA if they assume or continue a policy of supporting lay midwifery which we understand to be contrary to HBA policy. Correspondence can be sent to Jude Pemberton

Box 3
Oneroa
Waiheke Island.

Could you also send me a copy of the Association's submissions to the Minister of Health regarding the ISC report for the society's file? Thankyou.

Regards,

Gillian Mcnicoll.