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Palmerston North.

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Dear Gillian,

Thanks for the letter concerning the amendment Bill. It's a potentially worrying state, and there are active moves being made here, regarding submissions we agree with the two points you have outlined and I wonder if your people could add something more.

This may be a little of the "feminist" in me, however I am appalled at the use of the masculine, when referring to any nurse ^{in this bill}. Especially as the majority of nurses are females, and also that there are NO N.2 training male midwives. There are equal opportunity bills, & laws in New Zealand relating to ~~sex~~ discrimination. I believe that the refusal to nurses in the masculine form is discriminatory and plain bad manners; when you think of the numbers of female nurses being discounted. Anyway if it isn't as important as the other points, but I feel something should be said about it.

Are there any talks about our next get together? - date, place etc.
I'm really looking forward to seeing you all and being able to talk about what is dear to my heart, with sympathetic listeners.
Work is going well here. Our numbers

are visiting all the time, which is promising. We also have another Midwife who is trying to register, so that will give the Manawatu a total of 5 D.M.s. Not bad is it.

I must fly. Thanks again for your letter. Please keep in touch.

Kindest Regards.

Fiona Barrett.

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September 26th, 1983.

Dear Fiona,

Thank you for your letter & sub. There's been quite a lot of activity up here in relationship to the Nurses' Amendment Bill. I haven't been as involved as I would like to be but have been notified of the numerous meetings. The Auckland Home Birth Association has prepared a submission, the Auckland Domiciliary Midwives are also preparing a submission, as ~~are~~ ^{are} various individuals. The Council for Civil Liberties is quite concerned about the bill as is Mott Rata. The hospital based midwives, at least those involved in the midwifery special interest group branch of the NZNA have finally had their eyes open to the reality of midwives being phased out here in New Zealand.

There is a meeting of hospital and domiciliary midwives this Thursday. Perhaps an independent midwifery association as I mentioned before in a previous letter is not too far off?!

I've had no feedback from members of the society as to not having our next meeting annually so have not planned a meeting before next year.

I am trying to organize a Northern Regional meeting of domiciliary midwives probably to coincide with the Northern Regional meeting of the Home Birth Association. Perhaps you could organize something in your area either for midwives in the southern half of the North Island or just for the Manawatu.

Really glad to hear that work is going well and the demand is rising. If the other midwife registers could you ask her to let me know her name and address and I can keep her in touch with the society?

Auckland is still suffering from not enough midwives!

Wishing you well.

Regards

Gillian.

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Dear Sir,

I have been very pleased to hear from you and to see that you are still interested in the project. I have been very busy with the work of the committee and the preparation of the report, but I have managed to find some time to write to you. I am sorry that I cannot give you more news at the moment, but I will be in touch again as soon as I have more information. I am sure that you will be interested to hear that the project is still going on and that we are still working on it. I will be in touch again as soon as I have more information.

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