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The Secretary,
N.Z. Home Birth Association,
Dear Barbara,

I'm writing to you hoping you may be able to help - we are expecting our second child in November and are very keen to have a homebirth. This does not seem possible here in the North - no midwife, doctor and living out in the sticks - so we've decided if it can be arranged re a birth attendant to come to my parents place on the North Shore for the event - I realise this is possibly short notice but I had hoped to be able to arrange something here.

Our daughter who will be 2 in September was born in hospital in Australia but we were home in about 1½ hours after birth which was a natural, unmedicated, Le Boyer affair. I had a healthy normal pregnancy and a normal 13 hour labour fully supported

by husband - coach Ken. Had a 2nd episiotomy that I'm hoping to avoid this time! Generally I don't smoke, take drugs or alcohol & believe in eating whole, natural foods & plenty of milk from Rosie our cow. Thought I'd include this to give you an idea about us.

We feel it is so much more important this time to have our baby at home so as we can experience it as a family in a warm environment especially for Jesi's sake. I do hope you can advise me how to go about this or whom to contact.

Could you please send a copy of H.O.M.E. manual and any newsletter you may print and bill me for it?

Thanking you in anticipation,

Leila Coppens