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Dear Susan Millinchip

Re: Sponsorship for Home Birth Awareness Week - October/November 1986.

Further to your telephone conversation with Linda Walsh, Auckland Home Birth Assn. Committee Member.

The Auckland Home Birth Assn. (AHBA) is a voluntary, non-profit organisation. In the 12 years since our formation we have assisted in organising over 1,200 Home Births in the Auckland area. At present we have a local membership of over 400 families.

Our work falls broadly into three categories:- Support, Education and Lobbying.

1. We run four "Support Groups" in South, Central, West and North Auckland which offer antenatal education and general support for those parents choosing Home Birth. Postnatal groups are also available in these areas.
2. Educating the public and health professionals in the safety and benefits of Home Birth as an option for women whose pregnancies proceed without complication.
3. Lobbying the Government and Health Agencies to:- promote midwives as independent practitioners who oversee normal childbirth; to gain pay and recognition for those midwives who choose domiciliary work, equivalent to that of their hospital based counterparts, to upgrade the present domiciliary midwifery service and to integrate Home Birth into the Maternity Services available to all mothers.