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The Secretary,
NZ Home Birth Association,
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Dear Secretary,

I must apologise for not replying to your letter of 26/6/79 sooner but I have been on holiday and have also lost the original of the questionnaire which you sent out.

I have no particular desire to meet other doctors at a social function but I would welcome the opportunity of meeting other doctors and midwives at a workshop/seminar and as far as I am concerned, the sooner such a meeting is arranged the better. I would of course also be happy to take part in a general discussion with members of the Association if the members so desired.

I would advise your Association to dissociate itself completely from any doctor who is not prepared to attend at the time of delivery as it is absolutely inevitable that the involvement of such doctors with home births will sooner or later result in some calamity which will bring the whole home birth movement into disrepute, something the many critics of home deliveries are just longing to happen. I feel so strongly about this that if your Association were to permit non-attending doctors to be associated in any way with the home birth movement then I would have to give serious consideration to no longer accepting home delivery patients. I would be very reluctant to make such a decision as my experience with home births so far has been most enjoyable, most rewarding and most instructive.

Yours sincerely,

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