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24th March 1980

Mrs B. Macfarlane,
Secretary,
The N.Z. Home Birth Association,
P.O. Box 7093,
Wellesley St.,
AUCKLAND 1.

Dear Mrs Macfarlane,

Thank you for your letter of 17th instant.

At the present time the N.Z. Nurses' Association does not have a firm policy with regard to home births. However, very recently the Assn. set up an Ad Hoc committee to prepare a draft policy statement on Maternal and Infant Care and the subject of home birth will be one facet to be covered by this committee. All the nurses to serve on the committee are also members of the Midwives Special Interest Section of N.Z.N.A. and they will have met together at least once prior to 17th May, the date of your conference.

The midwife from the Auckland area on the Ad Hoc committee is -
Sister Patricia Clark, Supervisor, Ante Natal Ward and Out Patients
Clinic, St. Helens Hospital, Linwood Road,
Mt. Albert.

I have forwarded a copy of your letter to Sister Patricia and she will be expecting a communication from you.

I have also discussed the matter with Miss Anne Nightingale, Principal Nurse at St. Helens and Chairman, Nursing Council of New Zealand who has expressed an interest in attending your conference, if not as a panel participant, as an observer if this is permissible. Should you not require Anne for the panel and your Association allows non-members to attend, I would be grateful if you would send her information on this session.

Yours sincerely,

Brenda Miles,
Northern Regional Officer.