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Ms Barbara Macfarlane,  
Secretary,  
The New Zealand Home Birth  
Association,  
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Dear Ms Macfarlane,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter  
of 22 February.

The Labour Party does not have a policy on  
home birth. I believe that the choice should be  
available to the parents, according to the  
particular circumstances and always bearing in  
mind the need for adequate safety precautions and  
the availability of emergency facilities.

One aspect of your letter puzzled me somewhat.  
Am I to understand that your Association intends to  
make home birth an election issue?

Yours sincerely,