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The New Zealand Home Birth Association

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Dear Ms Kitzinger,

I'm just reading your book 'Women as Mothers' and enjoying it greatly. I do find I have improved - I think I am a much better mother with my second and third.

We were very interested in your comment on your last letter to us about the Short Report, when you mentioned that you would be in New Zealand next year. I had just heard from Edward Wallerstein the author of 'Circumcision : An American Health Fallacy' who will be in N.Z. in March 1982. He would like to give a lecture on his subject and we are going to arrange this for him. The committee is interested to know if you would be prepared to speak at a seminar or give a lecture. Perhaps you have already arranged this or are purely on holiday. Please let us know if you would like us to make any arrangements. You would certainly be a very popular speaker. We tend to be regarded as 'cranks' and comment from people in your position as authorities could help us with the medical establishment.

One interesting thing about home birth parents here is the massive enthusiasm. We have a committee of thirty who regularly each month meet and have done an incredible amount of work with Home Birth Week and general publicity, lobbying etc. We are determined that our daughters will have the chance to have their children at home. My three children were all born at home, as was I, and my mother and so on down an unbroken line. We want to keep this right.

Yours sincerely,

Barbara