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Dear Joan,

I cannot attend the HBA meeting as I'm in Wellington this week.

Barbara sent me the enclosed opinion from the Auckland Council for Civil Liberties. You might like to discuss or mention it at our meeting.

Significantly, it generally agrees with my version of the law - in fact strengthening our rights in some areas.

However there is one important point on which the opinion differs from my own: HOSPITAL BOOKINGS.

Betty Carter (?) argues that having booked into hospital a woman ~~cannot~~ <sup>has not</sup> <sub>right to</sub> make alternative arrangements for a home birth. (It doesn't mean she can't)

You will recall that my approach on this matter is to go to the Ombudsman enquiring against a discriminatory practice. The law is not clear cut...

Anyway things legal are generally in our favour.

The ACCU would like our organisations to subscribe to them. Could that be discussed?

I'll see you and everyone  
else in the New Year no doubt

Meantime,

love and warm thoughts,

Mary