

12 Hayward Road, Papatoetoe.

4th November, 1982.

The enclosed letter and list of remits was sent out to 90 politicians, chairpersons of hospital boards and some health dept and hospital personnel. We are receiving answers to those letters now. Could you please make members aware of the responses we are receiving.

Auckland Public Relations Officer, Hospital Board:

"A personal comment - I find it a little difficult to equate the remits on the teaching of Maori language and related remits with a conference on health. I can appreciate that it has a relationship to mental health for those who feel deprived of a birth language."

Dr. Bruce Gregory; MP for Northern Maori:

"Your recommendations have my wholehearted support particularly those on the Maori issues. If you think that there is any way in which I might be able to assist your Network at any time, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Do you have a comprehensive cover of Maori women representatives in your organisation?"

J.S. Ayling, Chief Executive, Wairarapa Hospital Board:

"Mrs Inkster, the Chairman of this Board, has asked that I write on her behalf in response to your letter of 29 October, 1982. In doing so, she asked that you take note in fact she is Mrs. M M Inkster, not Mr, as referred to in your letter; and secondly she asked you to note that of the 13 publicly elected members of this Board, six are women, one of whom is a Chairman of the Board's Planning and Services Committee.

Mrs Inkster is of the view that the consumer's point of view with regards women is adequately expressed and represented in the management of this Board's affairs."

H.E. Wynne, Chief Executive, Wanganui Hospital Board:

"The letter has been considered by Mrs Betty Bourke, the present Chairman.

I have been asked to acknowledge that only one matter is of real concern to this Board, and that is that your Conference gives extensive support to the Homebirth Movement. I would advise that this Board does not support this recommendation."

Acknowledgements of letters with no comments passed upon the remits:

The Hon R. Muldoon, Prime Minister.

Ann Hercus, M.P. for Lyttelton.

New Zealand Medical Association, Auckland Division.

Dr. Hutcheson, Chairman, Tauranga Hospital Board.

J.H. Eaddy, Chief Executive, Taranaki Hospital Board.

Ruth Richardson, M.P. for Selwyn.

Would members please be aware of these responses in view of the local body elections next year.

Sue Neal (for Conference Collective)