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"The Mains"

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Hello

I am expecting my first child in May of next year and would very dearly love to have a home birthing of my child with a registered midwife in attendance. I have only recently moved to the Oboro area but I understand from friends, family planning etc that there are no doctors in Dunedin who will consent to a woman giving home birth for her first child. I understand should this decision be based on reasons of ill health or risk but simply to have a standard rule on no home births for first timers seems very unjust. Tell me, are there any doctors in the area who you could recommend to me as being sympathetic to the home birth

movement and could you tell me also, is the first child rule a standard practise? Also, I may move to Christchurch or Wellington for the birthing of my child, would things be the same there and could you also recommend any doctors in these areas?

I heard a Wellington doctor on the radio last week speaking for the Home Birth Association who said that every woman in New Zealand had the right to a home birth should there be no dangers of ill health or risk to mother or child. Thank you very much for your help.

Yours in peace
Jenny Devon.