

The New Zealand Home Birth Association

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Dear Branch Secretary and Committee,

The following remits were drafted by Joan Donley a few days ago and accepted at our last meeting. I would like to circulate them to your branch for consideration so that we can vote on these as well as those circulated by Wellington, at the conference.

1. THAT this conference back the desire of the domiciliary midwives to remain under the supervision of the Department of Health; and that the Department of Health educate their Principal Public Health Nurses (PPHN) about the right of women to have their babies where they want them, and the role of the domiciliary midwife as a practitioner in her own right.
2. THAT rather than trying to model N.Z.'s maternity services on the recommendations of the U.K. Short report which advocates 100% hospital delivery with every labour routinely electronically monitored,
THAT the N.Z.H.B.A. demand a Commission of Inquiry into Maternity Services in N.Z. by a committee whose membership is at least 50% comprised of consumer representatives; and
THAT no further changes in maternity services be introduced until such an Inquiry has been held and a Report brought down.

If you will not have a delegate at the conference, would you like to write to Dunedin and let them know if you accept these. They seem to be a bit more dynamic than the other remits we have generated this year.

Yours sincerely, Barbara Macfarlane, Sec. Ak.

