

The New Zealand Home Birth Association

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Dear Doctor,

At a meeting of the Association committee, midwives and five doctors last week, called in response to media reports on home birth (examples enclosed), it was suggested that the doctors and midwives involved in home birth in Auckland should meet and consider among other things:

1. Formation of an Auckland branch of the American College of Home Obstetricians, or something similar,
2. the hospital pressure being brought to bear on doctors who transfer home birth patients to National Womens with threatened loss of hospital privileges etc.,
3. Appropriate responses to Health Department and Hospital criticism of medical personnel involved in home birth.

Dr. Deryn Cooper has agreed to chair this meeting and in the light of what is happening in Britain, Australia and in parts of the States we urge you to attend.

Date: 28th February

Place: The Ngarawahia Room, The Custom House, Custom St. East.

Time: 5.00 to 6.00 p.m.

Yours sincerely,



Barbara Macfarlane,
Secretary.