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Dear friends

Would it be possible to have the enclosed included in the latest newsletter? The Peter Bewaller was actually handed on to me from the Waikato Branch with a suggestion that other branches might be interested. If you haven't already a copy, I think it would be worthwhile putting in the newsletter.

The paper on a national organisation represents only my own personal view and is not intended to be presented as 'official national' policy - I simply feel that if a few views are aired before the conference we go into discussion with a better idea of alternative viewpoints; as you know, one of the gripes after last year's AGM was that many of us didn't feel Auckland's point of view had been sufficiently explained.

I think many people are keen to discuss the role of the national newsletter also and would like to suggest that those of you who have been involved in its production prepare a paper on your views, including information which should be available to Homebirth group members - that is: how many copies are printed?, who gets them?, are subscriptions up to date and sufficient to cover costs? Have you an up to date mailing list and are copies available publicly? You would probably like to express opinions on contributions or lack

of them, too! Speaking personally, I feel that all communications from executive ought to go through the National Newsletter but have been restrained from implementing this because of lack of information on how wide a readership it has and whether it is going to every branch. If you would like to present a paper at conference, please write to the Secretary of the Nelson branch (box 59, Nelson), asking that it be put on the agenda.

Yours sincerely,

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