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Dear Home Birth Newsletter Collective

Congratulations on the New newsletter

It was extremely well done.

I particularly liked its broad analytical approach - I believe ^{the} home birth movement must be put in the context of what is happening nationally with birth trends.

I liked the material you used to give a sound analysis of what is happening.

I fear the medical take over of birth particularly the centralisation of birth services. People seem to bury heads in sand while maternity hospitals close all around them. The Twizel hospital has been the latest in this area now Twizel women have to travel 2 hours, before their labours to have their babies here in Timaru.

It stinks a yet most accept it - "as in the best interests of mother & child"

I feel isolated here in Timaru.

+ so your newsletter provided not only encouragement but some more ammunition to persuade a fight the medical & health establishment here

Please accept my best wishes for your future, happy writing & collecting

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P.S. hope to remedy the situation of you receiving no news from our branch.