



New Zealand  
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Dear Karen,

Just a comment from Wellington Region regarding the proposal to have a Midwifery Council and a separate Act for Midwives. The Wellington Region are absolutely supportive in principle of the idea of a separate Act for midwives and also a separate Council. The following concerns were raised, and they in no way are intended to be negative to the idea but are a concern of the core group which met on Thursday 17/10/1996.

1. Are there enough midwives with sufficient time, energy and knowledge to establish a midwifery council? This was raised as a thoughtfulness for those midwives who will no doubt do most of the work in establishing such a body. Certainly nationally there are midwives with expertise, commitment and vision, who will be prepared to give to the work of establishing a Council for midwives, but will they be in the end the same midwives who always do so much.
2. Is the cost of establishing, and maintainig, a midwifery council going to be prohibitive?
3. The D.E. midwives have no desire to remain affiliated to a Nursing council, other midwives felt some (varying degrees) of attachment/detachment.

Kind regards,

*Sandra*

Sandra Sinclair  
Reg.Co-ord.