HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PETITION

Postnatal depression

To the Honourable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives assembled in Parliament.

These petitioners of the Division of Shortland and adjoining areas request that a National initiative be instigated to promote recognition of the serious illness of postnatal depression with medical practitioners, and to raise awareness within the community.

Postnatal depression has a significant effect and long-term consequences for women, their partners the infant and other children.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request the House to do everything in their power to help fight this illness.