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## A response to Dr Paul Patten

Paul Patten has jumped to the wrong conclusion in his 30 July 2010 letter published in the *NZMJ*. My reference to 'the particular relationship ... with gynaecologists whose work she was researching' was not a reference to Professor Mantell and Dr Baird, as a close reading will show and as I have already acknowledged to Dr Baird.

Professor Skegg wrote his own chapter in *The Cartwright Papers*. So did I. To condemn each of these chapters because we work in the same university is an odd basis for response. I suggest that it is better to read the chapters and make up one's own mind.

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