Supplementary Submission - Inquiry into registered nurses in New South Wales nursing homes

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a Supplementary Submission to the Committee for this inquiry, and for the Supplementary Question attached to the Committee letter of 12 August 2015. The Supplementary question is:

1. What recommendations to the NSW Government would you like to see come out of this inquiry?

Having provided a submission and evidence to the inquiry, and having reviewed the submissions and transcripts of evidence by witnesses of the public hearings, the original submissions of LASA NSW-ACT can now be condensed into a single recommendation.

On any objective view of the evidence, age services in Australia are comprehensively regulated, funded and monitored by the Commonwealth of Australia under the Aged Care Act and associated legislation and regulation.

LASA NSW-ACT submits that the Inquiry recommend that the NSW Government advise the NSW Parliament that the current NSW legislative provisions applying to nursing homes – Section 5 and Section 104 NSW Public Health Act, 2010 and Regulation 95 and Regulation 95A NSW Public Health Regulation, 2012 - may be safely and responsibly repealed by the NSW Parliament in favour of the comprehensive provisions of the Cth Aged Care Act.

Yours sincerely

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