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**INQUIRY INTO REGISTERED NURSES IN NEW SOUTH  
WALES NURSING HOMES**

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If you take registered nurses out of nursing homes, you are saying that its OK for unqualified and uneducated staff to look after residents with multiple health concerns. You are saying its safe and ok for uneducated and unqualified staff to administer S8 drugs to palliative patients who may be residing in these homes, you are saying its ok for unqualified and uneducated staff to take control of enteral feeding programs, woundcare, medication administration, syringedrivers for pain relief, peritoneal dialysis regimes, and all other activities of daily living for these residents. Any health concern of a resident can no longer be addressed by an employee and in fact it will have to "WAIT" for a GP to visit (since employees are no longer adequately qualified), or else be shipped off via ambulance to an emergency department, where it will likely result in a more expensive hospital admission lasting days and costing the health budget LOADS more money and the resident FAR more stress and negative health consequences. You watch pressure areas soar if you get your wish and remove RNs from nursing homes. You watch infection spread. You watch residents care decline. We are an ageing population that you want to work longer and then to shove us in to facilities with poorer care. You are sending the message that the elderly dont matter and dont deserve to be looked after properly.