

**Submission
No 74**

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

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I am an aged care worker and I strongly believe that RN'S are absolutely needed in aged care facilities. All though our job as an ain is to care for our residents but our RN'S are there to administer important medications and to prevent and altercations that may arise within the facility during the shift. We as ain's have enough responsibility as it is to care for our residents without the added stress of administering medications in a timely manner or more so wrongly administering the correct dose, our time is permitted as is. Our families are paying extraordinary amounts of money as well as our residents and that should feel safe and secure knowing that a more professional RN is on duty for any matter that need attending to. What if a resident has a heart attack or passes away during the night, we NEED our RN'S on duty with US to help us through these times! RN'S are also there to 'supervise us' during out shift, can you imagine how much neglect there would be with some people knowing they aren't being watched by an RN so they don't successfully fulfil their duties and take corners with their work, I know some people like that now let alone WITHOUT an RN present. RN'S ARE our most valuable asset within the aged care sector as well as the public health section. DO NOT TAKE OUR RN'S away!!!!