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

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In the past few years I have visited three elderly people(friends) in two separate nursing homes in the Lismore area.

The lack of staff shocked me and often I would see people wandering looking for a drink of water or to be shown the toilet.

The lack of respect from the nurses also shocked me as they treated the patients like small stupid children. I witnessed one incident of cruelty when a male nurse left his patient (my friend) without clothes, his hearing aid or glasses for a prolonged period of time after he had showered him in cold water and told him he shouldn't be here anyway because he was so old. This once noble man had been a leader in his small rural community was mortified and reduced to tears.