

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

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- As an RN working in aged care in a country town, the community has an expectation that the elderly and vulnerable will be cared for 24/7 by appropriately trained and experienced nursing staff.
- The proposal to remove RNs from being on duty 24/7 in aged care is inappropriate and could most likely lead to litigation between residents and nursing home operators.
- EENs, AINs and carers do not have the skill sets and experience to make informed decisions as to whether a resident should be admitted to hospital. This will create congestion in hospital emergency departments as the simple solution would be to send residents just in case!
- Any perceived savings by not employing RNs will be offset by tying up valuable space in emergency departments.