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

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I am very concerned by plans to remove Registered Nurses from Aged Care Facilities. I believe this is a very short-sighted and potentially disastrous move. I am an RN and I work in a Residential Aged Care Facility of 120 residents. Also my mother was a resident of an Aged Care Facility and when she reached the end stage of her life I witnessed the care she was given by the Registered Nurses at that facility. These RNs were skilled in Palliative Care practices, administering Schedule 8 drugs , interpreting my mother's vital signs and knowing when she was reaching the end-stage of her life. If she had been in the care of Assistants in Nursing she would not have received the level of care she required. If any of you have had a relative or friend in an Aged Care Facility you will know what I mean.

I see no good coming from the removal of RNs from Aged Care. What I do see is increased hospital admissions from ACFs for conditions which could be treated in the ACF by properly skilled RNs.

I foresee suffering of residents whose deterioration could go unnoticed or unrecognized by AINs.

I foresee residents not being given the pain relief they need.

I foresee AINs out of their depth when it comes to assessing residents and their needs.

I foresee residents admitted to hospital too late to be treated.

I foresee angry family members taking matters to court when their loved ones suffer due to the above-mentioned issues.

Please reconsider this proposal and see that RNs are the vital heart of any Health Care Facility including Aged Care Facilities.