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

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It appears that there will only be 2 winners if the number of Registered Nurses in Aged Care Facilities is reduced. The Care Provider with less costs and the Government who will ultimately change the funding model. There is no benefit to existing staff, residents or their families. Why is it that these Australians matter less ?

I am a Registered Nurse who already works in a RAC. I work a minimum of 8 hours unpaid overtime every week. I do it because we do not have enough staff and Registered Nurses already and I care.

What it will mean for the residents is an environment that will provide basic care but will not be able to meet their changing needs. The consequence of this is that there will be further stress on the ambulance service who will have more responsibilities around the triage at the facility, A and E's who will ultimately turn away or not admit these patients with the result that there will be very dissatisfied family members and extra stress placed on those RNs in these Aged Care Facilities who as a majority already work well in excess of their paid hours each week to get the work completed. There is also an added emotional cost to those care workers who are not RNs and are left in charge of these RACs with no RN rostered.

With the accreditation process already setting benchmarks who is going to maintain standards. Cutting back on Registered Nurses will only mean that those savings will be shifted to another area where there will be more criminal waste of taxpayers dollars.