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

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I am a registered nurse with seventeen years' experience in aged care facilities. I have also been the main carer for both my parents when they were admitted to a nursing home at the end of their lives. The care that they received was excellent and they would not have received it without the ongoing presence of registered nurses who monitored their conditions and their treatments.

I have the greatest respect for the Endorsed Enrolled Nurses and Certificate 3 and 4 nursing staff who work in our nursing homes, but the fact remains that they have not the qualifications or education to supervise and direct the high level of nursing care that our frailest aged and dying residents need and deserve.

Removing registered nurses from nursing homes will result in aged residents suffering more pain than necessary, going through the trauma of more hospital admissions than would otherwise be necessary, and being sent to hospital to die in a strange environment among strangers. I would not have wished my parents to be submitted to this, nor do I want any nursing home residents to be.

May I respectfully urge the Committee to think very carefully of the full effects before removing registered nurses from aged care.

Thankyou.