

**Submission
No 16**

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

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My name is Linda Hardman. I am an Assistant in Nursing working in a 120 bed High Care facility. It is imperative that we keep Rns in Aged Care 24/7.

Rns direct the care we give. Many of our residents suffer from conditions that require specific medication which must be given by qualified staff Rns.

If we don't have Rns the public will lose faith in the system it provides reassurance knowing that they can speak to the RN on duty.

If we don't have Rns many of our residents will have to be sent to the nearest Public Hospital. This will put pressure on the system but also cause great distress and upset to our residents and their families. Our elderly like to be in familiar surroundings and to be attended by familiar staff who know and care for them. For a resident with dementia leaving the Nursing Home to go to Hospital is scary.

When our residents are in the last stages of life it is the Rns who attend to the syringe driver, liaise with Drs and family.

Aged Care is all about team work the RN is the head of that team.