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**INQUIRY INTO VETERINARY WORKFORCE SHORTAGE  
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Whatever the outcome from the NSW Legislative Council's Portfolio Committee inquiry results with, should include regular assessments of made changes at least every 6 months. All para-veterinary professionals need to be held responsible by a board, preferably the vet board. All clients of para-veterinary professionals, need to know that they are held responsible by a board of some sort - whether this needs to be noted on all invoices etc.

There is a great risk here to open up the veterinary field to untrained people, and turn what is often seen on long incoherent forums - on social media etc. into a reality.

Registered nurses are a huge pool here that can be used temporarily to fill the gap, however it is very important that they are governed by a board, in a similar fashion to the veterinarians of NSW.