

Wednesday, 16 June 2010

The Hon. John Hill MP  
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Dear Minister Hill

**Re: National Accreditation Standards for Nursing and Midwifery**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a further submission in relation to the standards for postgraduate education leading to registration as a midwife. As you are aware the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (the Board) has approved an Accreditation Standard requiring these courses be a minimum of 18 months in duration.

In order to progress this matter, I will be requesting that the Board at its next meeting of 24 June 2010, consider deferring the implementation of this Standard. I will be recommending that the Board commence work immediately with the newly constituted Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council Ltd in undertaking a review of the Standard to reach an acceptable solution.

I look forward to receiving a response from you that this is a satisfactory way forward.

Yours sincerely



Anne Copeland  
Chair