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Chair,
Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia

Dear Madam,

Re: Consultation paper on registration standards and related matters issued by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Nursing registration standards proposal. As a nurse employed in a senior management position in a major tertiary hospital I am extremely cognisant of the need for nursing registration standards that will ensure that nurses are competent to provide nursing services and that there is evidence that their education and experience is relevant to their continued registration. I would like to provide feedback on the four areas proposed for the Nursing registration standards.

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English Language Skills

From my own experience of internationally qualified applicant or international nurses who undertook their education in an Australian University, achieving a score of 7 or more in the IELTS examination does not guarantee competence in English language at a level required by a health practitioner especially as the examination does not consider health / medical terminology. While a person may be very competent in conversational English there does not always translate to the person being competent in health / medical terminology. I am unaware of any avenues that this is currently tested or anywhere that specific health / medical terminology is taught for international nurses.

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Yours sincerely

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Nursing Director