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Adjunct Associate Professor Moira Laverty  
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Dear Adjunct Associate Professor Laverty,

### **Assignment of accreditation functions under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for Health Professions**

As you are aware, the assignment of accreditation functions for nursing and midwifery to be implemented under the national scheme has been considered following your proposal of February 2010.

I am pleased to be able to advise you that the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council (the Ministerial Council) has decided that a significantly restructured Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council (ANMC) be assigned the accreditation functions for the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA).

This assignment of accreditation functions is a transitional measure and will be for a period of three years from 1 July 2010. It is subject to the requirement to meet standards and criteria developed by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) for establishment, governance and operation of external accreditation bodies.

In assigning these national accreditation functions to the reconstituted ANMC, it is understood that there is a requirement for the ANMC to work collaboratively with the AHPRA and the NMBA in order to develop an effective and efficient model of operation for the expanded accreditation role to be taken on by ANMC. I note that the majority of staff currently undertaking nursing and midwifery accreditation functions will transition to be AHPRA staff from 1 July 2010.

It is understood that the ANMC will undertake a substantial restructuring and reconstitution over a transitional period commencing upon notification of this assignment. The Ministerial Council has requested the NMBA and AHPRA provide oversight of the restructuring of the ANMC in transitioning to become the assigned accreditation authority for the nursing and midwifery professions. The Ministerial Council would also ask to receive regular reports on the implementation of this restructure.

I would appreciate formal confirmation that your organisation is accepting this assignment and look forward to working with you in the development of the new scheme.

Yours sincerely



**The Hon John Hill**

**Chair, Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council**

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