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Mr Tim Grimwade
The General Manager
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Australian Competition & Consumer Commission
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22nd July 2002

Dear Mr Grimwade,

Over recent months the use of agency nursing staff has been contained by the implementation of the Department of Human Services directive to public hospitals on the restricted use of agency nurses. Implementation of this strategy has resulted in a flood of nurses returning to permanent employment in our public hospitals.

There will however remain a need for short-term temporary nursing services and it is essential that agency nurses are committed to continuous care including participation in quality programs and are supported by access to specialist education to enhance and assure the best possible care is provided. The Temporary Nursing Services Tender process will ensure that successful agencies will meet the expectations of the Health Services with regard to quality assurance.

I write to reconfirm our commitment regarding the provision of Temporary Nursing Services Tender submission made on the behalf of Metropolitan and Geelong Public Health Services and the Sisters of Charity Health Service by Health Purchasing Victoria.

Yours Sincerely



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