

**Media Release – 31 March 2010**

The Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery (Australia & New Zealand) held its first meeting for 2010 on 29 – 30 March 2010 in Wellington, New Zealand. The Council is comprised of all the Deans and Heads of the Schools of Nursing and Midwifery in universities throughout Australia and New Zealand. The key focus of the meeting was on the nursing and midwifery contribution towards the restructuring of the health workforce in Australia and New Zealand.

The Council welcomed Mr Mark Cormack, CEO of Health Workforce Australia and Professor Des Gorman, Executive Chairman of the Health Workforce Board of New Zealand to the meeting. Mr Cormack spoke about the national health workforce reform agenda in Australia and Professor Gorman spoke on the potential restructuring and re-alignment of the New Zealand health workforce. The work on health workforce in each of the countries was interestingly and constructively juxtaposed, with each country taking a quite different approach to similar problems. The Council thanks both Mr Cormack and Professor Gorman for their presentations and welcomes future opportunities to collaborate with both on the health workforce reform agenda.

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