



COUNCIL OF DEANS OF NURSING & MIDWIFERY  
AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

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Mr John Carter  
Secretary  
Senate Standing Committee on Employment,  
Workplace Relations and Education  
Department of the Senate

Dear Mr Carter

Thank you for inviting the Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery (Australia & New Zealand) (CDNM (ANZ)) to make a submission to the inquiry into the provisions of the *Higher Education Endowment Fund Bill 2007* which gives effect to a number of commitments including the establishment of a perpetual endowment fund to generate earnings for capital expenditure and research facilities in higher education institutions. CDNM (ANZ) welcomes the establishment of the Fund and appreciates the opportunity to comment.

In the first instance, there is an immediate need for every School of Nursing and Midwifery to have purpose-built simulation laboratories for clinical nursing and for midwifery practice. Simulation is a well-recognised technique for providing practical experience to students in fields as diverse as health sciences and aviation, and enables the students to gain experience without depending on an uncertain and potentially dangerous supply of real-life situations. A major investment of this kind would help to keep Australian education in nursing and midwifery at the forefront of international practice.

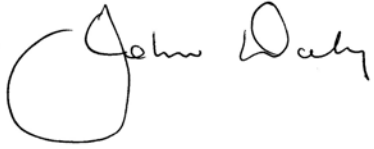
Secondly, as a long-term process CDNM (ANZ) would urge the HEEF Advisory Board to ensure that, in assessing claims in the fields of nursing and midwifery, the assessment panels must include people expert in these fields. It is not sufficient to have such claims assessed solely by people from other fields, no matter how expert.

CDNM (ANZ) would also welcome the opportunity to be represented at a public hearing, should one be scheduled.

If you would like to discuss these issues further, please contact me by phone on 02 9685 9113 or by email at [j.daly@uws.edu.au](mailto:j.daly@uws.edu.au)

Thank you once again for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Daly". The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first letter of each name being a large, prominent capital letter.

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