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Dear Dr Cusack

**Approval of revised registration standard: endorsement as a nurse practitioner, as recommended by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia**

Thank you for your letter of 15 June 2015, recommending approval of the proposed revised *registration standard: endorsement as a nurse practitioner* (the revised registration standard) as submitted by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA).

I am pleased to advise that pursuant to Section 12 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each State and Territory, the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council (AHWMC) decided on 22 October 2015, to approve the revised registration standard as recommended by the NMBA.

Ministers agreed with the NMBA's proposal that the approved revised registration standard commence on 1 January 2016, to give nurses and other stakeholders advance notice of the revisions, so they are familiar with the revised standard before it starts.

In agreeing to approve the revised standard, Ministers noted the NMBA's advice that only minor revisions were made that were primarily editorial for clarity and improved workability so that the approved registration standard continues to be relevant for the nursing profession and protects the public. The NMBA's commitment to regularly reviewing the approved registration standard at least every five years or earlier if needed, is welcomed by Health Ministers as good regulatory practice.

Ministers thanked the NMBA for also providing the revised *Guideline for registered nurses applying for endorsement as a nurse practitioner*, which we understand will take effect at the same time as the approved registration standard.

We trust that the AHWMC's approval of this revised registration standard will help support a smooth implementation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jack Snelling". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'J'.

The Hon Jack Snelling

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