

**Our Duty of Care – Recommendation 3**

**NURSING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE FORUMS**

**What is this project about?**

To support the work of the Taskforce and other bodies implementing recommendations at a national level, all States and Territories have established Nursing Education and Workforce Forums. The purpose of these forums is to create a place where local perspectives and issues related to the implementation of the recommendations can be considered and local partnerships between sectors can flourish, and to assist with the implementation of the recommendations.

Many jurisdictions have already established groups that have some of these elements but a national approach will ensure that the objectives of the forums to reach across the breadth of the education (including VET), health, community and aged sectors (including private and public) can be consistently achieved.

In addition to addressing local and regional nursing education and workforce issues, the forums have been specifically requested to consider the following:

- REC 13 - Student Nurse Employment
- REC 14 - Standards for Transition Programs.
- REC 20 - Nurse Academics and Teachers.
- REC 27- Encouragement Of Inter-Disciplinary and Cross Professional Approaches To Education and Practice as well as recommendations from AHWAC Reports on Critical Care & Midwifery workforce.

The links with these forums will be an important component of the overall communication strategy for the Taskforce. An evaluation process will be jointly developed with States and Territories and the Taskforce will report to health and education and training ministers on the impact of the forums at the end of two years.

In July 2005, The Taskforce asked jurisdictions to provide an update on their activities related to (13, 14, 20 & 36). The summary of activity in each State and Territory for these four recommendations is provided in the Supplementary Report.

<b>Taskforce Role</b>	Taskforce to monitor implementation by Jurisdictions	<b>Commencement of Work</b>	JUNE 2004
<b>Key Milestones/Deliverables</b>			<b>Timeline</b>
• Develop a national framework with CNOs for forums			Jul 2004
• Forums established in all jurisdictions			Nov 2004
• Formulate process to support the forums, develop monitoring process and an evaluation framework with jurisdictions			Apr 2005
• Report back on impact of forums to health & education & training ministers			May 2006

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