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Resolution

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This meeting of International Nursing Students on 13 August 2010 having received a report back from the ANF (Victorian Branch) note the following:

We appreciate the reprieve that has been provided and are ultimately pleased in part for:

- those students who have completed an Australian Nursing qualification and whose Visas are due to expire in August and who will now have their registration processed in time, thus avoiding deportation.
- those students who had received written notification from the NBV to enter an International Registered Overseas Nurses course will have that commitment honoured by the NMBA, and will be registered upon successful completion of the course and without further English language testing.
- the commitment from the NMBA that the English Language Standard will be comprehensively reviewed.

However, we continue to express concern in relation to the plight of the students who are completing their Australian nursing qualification at the end of 2010 and who will be required to pass the new NMBA English Language Standard prior to registering and the onerous study commitment that is now placed on them.

Therefore, we direct ANF (Victorian Branch) to pursue the following:

- Given the often exorbitant fees that these students have been charged to undertake their Australian qualification, ANF (Victorian Branch) will write to all Vice Chancellors of universities and other education provider heads to demand they provide tuition required to assist students to achieve the English Language Standard and that this tuition and testing be free of charge to the student.
- Call on the Ministerial Council to support an English Language Standard that is appropriate to the needs of patients, supports protection of the public, and is based on proven evidence.
- Call on ANF (Victorian Branch) to provide updates on the review of the English Standard to its members.
- Cancel the proposed Rally on August 17, 2010.

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