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## **The Australian College of Nursing thanks NSW Health Minister Jillian Skinner MP for her dedication to health portfolio**

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) acknowledges the retirement of NSW Health Minister Jillian Skinner MP.

ACN CEO Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN said “NSW Health Minister Jillian Skinner MP has shown strong leadership and dedication to the health portfolio since her appointment to the position in 2011. She took steps to improve health outcomes for the people of NSW by undertaking a range of initiatives, including the employment of more nurses. Nurses are a massive part of our health system and ACN will continue to strengthen nursing’s role to benefit patients and the community of New South Wales.”

Adjunct Professor Ward said “ACN looks forward to working with the yet-to-be-announced new NSW Minister for Health in the future.”

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Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward, CEO of ACN.

**Notes to the Editors:**



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Advancing nurse leadership

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) is the national professional organisation for all nurse leaders and its aim is to ensure that the Australian community receives quality nursing care now and in the future. ACN is a membership organisation with members in all states and territories, health care settings and nursing specialties. ACN is also the Australian member of the International Council of Nurses headquartered in Geneva.

ACN, an organisation not afraid to intelligently challenge industry issues affecting the nursing profession or Australia's health care, is a well-connected and educated national body that drives change with people of influence to enhance the delivery of health services to the Australian community. ACN advances the skills and expertise of nurses to provide leadership in their contribution to the policy, practice and delivery of health care.

A membership organisation with members in all states and territories, health care settings and nursing specialities, ACN's membership includes many nurses in roles of influence, including senior nurses, organisational leaders, academics and researchers.

### What is the role of ACN to media?

- ACN provides trusted, well supported information about Australia's health care system, the delivery of health care, nursing leadership and the nursing profession.
- ACN has a number of media-savvy spokespeople within the organisation who can comment on Australia's health care system, the delivery of health care, nursing leadership and the nursing profession.
- ACN offers media with an alternative voice to that of an industrial relations perspective.
- ACN is in-the-know and can comment on health care matters of interest.
- ACN can respond to media requests in a timely manner and with subject/clinical expert's available on-hand for further discussion.
- ACN regularly responds to government updates pertaining to Australia's health care system.

### What role does ACN play?

ACN is here to act and deliver results as agents of change. They are working towards a brighter future through advancing nurse leadership to enhance the delivery of health care to all. The organisation provides nurse leaders with access to relevant information, support and education that will enhance Australia's reputation on the world stage.

### Social media channels:

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