



Mr Chris Byron-Scott  
Deputy Registrar  
South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal  
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By email: [LLPSubmissions@sa.gov.au](mailto:LLPSubmissions@sa.gov.au),

Dear Mr Byron-Scott

Thank you for contacting the Australian College of Nursing (ACN) last month regarding the conferral of jurisdiction of the South Australian Health Practitioners Tribunal upon the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (SACAT). As the pre-eminent and national leader of the nursing profession, and a community of dynamic and passionate nurses, ACN welcomes opportunities to provide feedback on health practitioner regulations.

When developing ACN's response to this matter, we consulted our wide member base of nurse academics, nurse practitioners, registered nurses and enrolled nurses for their input.

ACN considers this transfer a largely straightforward and uncontentious one, with only two minor matters of concern to our members.

The first is potential additional cost burdens placed upon SACAT customers, such as possible increases to the existing fee (currently up to \$782 per review), or general increases in nurse registration fees.

The second pertains to provision 8(4), Part 3 (page 39), which allows the presiding member of the tribunal to make decisions 'sitting alone'. There were concerns regarding adequate safeguards in an appeals process, in cases where the presiding member makes a 'final order' considered unfair.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide feedback to these proposed amendments. If you have further enquiries regarding this matter, please contact me at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'MB', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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