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To whom this may concern,

### **Submission to the Review of Higher Education**

Royal College of Nursing, Australia (RCNA) is pleased to provide a submission on the Review of Australian Higher Education Discussion Paper June 2008.

The distinctions between vocational education and training (VET) and higher education are of particular interest to the nursing profession at this time and therefore this submission addresses question 15 - *To what extent should the vocational education and training and higher education continue to have distinctive missions and how should these missions be defined?* RCNA requests that the Higher Education Review note the importance to the nursing profession that the VET and self-accredited higher education sectors retain distinctive missions.

It is the view of RCNA that in order to provide safe, competent and quality care to the Australian public, there must be retention of registered nursing education in the self-accredited higher education sector.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the discussion paper.

Yours sincerely

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Encl. RCNA submission on the Higher Education Review Discussion Paper June 2008