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Dear Maree

**RE: NSWNMA Professional Advocate role**

Thank you for your agreeing to become a Professional Advocate.

The Professional Advocate role provides an opportunity for interested members to use their knowledge, skills and expertise to advocate for our professions and communities on behalf of the Association.

The Association is frequently presented with issues and opportunities that require input from nurses and midwives from a broad range of areas of practice, settings or regions. You will be part of a database of members who can contribute their expertise in a variety of ways, such as: providing expert input into submissions and testimony at Parliamentary Inquiries, providing education; media opportunities; and lobbying politicians.

Members will be supported by the Association through professional development opportunities that support the requirements of the professional advocate role. This role can also be used as evidence towards your Continuous Professional Development (CPD) if identified as part of your individual learning needs.

It is envisioned that the demands of this role will not be onerous. It is quite likely that there may not be anything required from year to year. However, there may also be a series of activities for which we would contact you and invite you to participate. For example, aged care has been the subject of a lot of attention over the last few years and there has been a broad range of activities where we have relied on participation of aged care members. We acknowledge the demands on your time and there is no obligation to participate in every activity we contact you about.

I have enclosed an information brochure about the role. The Officers of the Professional Services team will be able to provide more information and answer any questions.

On behalf of the Association, thank you for your willingness to be part of this initiative.

Yours sincerely

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General Secretary

NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association