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CDNM (ANZ) forms a Research Advisory Group to foster research in nursing and midwifery education throughout Australia and New Zealand

The Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery (Australia & New Zealand) welcomes the establishment of its Research Advisory Group (RAG) to lead the way for research in the disciplines of nursing and midwifery. RAG membership consists of leading nursing and midwifery researchers from across Australia and New Zealand who will assume responsibility for research leadership in response to the Australian Government's Research Quality Framework (RQF) and New Zealand's Performance Based Research Fund (PBRF).

The RAG members are:

- Professor Patrick Crookes (University of Wollongong)
- Professor Mary FitzGerald (James Cook University)
- Professor Dawn Freshwater (Murdoch University)
- Professor Caroline Homer (University of Technology, Sydney)
- Professor Linda Johnston (University of Melbourne)
- Assoc Professor Cheryle Moss (Victoria University of Wellington)
- Professor Jan Pincombe (University of South Australia)
- Professor Jo Ann Walton (Auckland University of Technology)

The RAG will be chaired by Professor Linda Johnston.

RAG had its inaugural meeting on 20 April 2006. RAG's brief will include advice to Council on professional and political implications for nursing and midwifery research in Australia and New Zealand, the development of an environmental survey after the Australian RQF is finalised and recommendations on a strategic course of action in research for Council.

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