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The Taskforce to implement the recommendations of the *National Review of Nursing Education* is soon to be named.

Associate Professor, Pauline Nugent, Chair of The Australian Council of Deans of Nursing (ACDN) said “It is our understanding that the taskforce will be small and will be nominated from the health service sector despite the fact that the Review was of Nursing Education. We are concerned that the Taskforce membership may not be appropriately informed or qualified to represent the interests of nursing students and nursing academia”.

“The ACDN is the only body that is able to represent the national nursing higher education sector” Professor Nugent said. “I call on the responsible Ministers, Brendan Nelson and Kay Patterson, to ensure that the Council be represented on the Taskforce” she said.

Professor Nugent claims that the ACDN should be included in the Taskforce to implement the recommendations of the Review into the Nursing Education “because the Council of Deans has expert information to contribute”. One major contribution, she said “is through the research contained within the Council’s recently released ‘Preston Report’ and through the combined knowledge and experience of the ACDN members who include all the Deans and Heads of Schools of Nursing across Australia”.

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