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Appendix 2

LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

Dear Nurse Practitioner

My name is Trudy Rudge and I hold the position of Associate Professor and Associate Dean (Higher Degree Programs) at the School of Nursing and Midwifery.

This letter is to introduce Clare Turner who is a doctoral student in the School of Nursing at Flinders University. She is undertaking research leading to the production of a thesis and other publications on the subject of the influences that are impacting on the advancement of nursing in rural and remote health.

She would be most grateful if you would volunteer to spare the time to assist in this project, by conducting an interview which touches upon certain aspects of this topic. Information on what aspect of the study you will be asked to participate in is included in this letter.

Be assured that any information provided will be treated in the strictest confidence and none of the participants will be individually identifiable in the resulting thesis, report or other publications. You are, of course, entirely free to discontinue your participation at any time or to decline to answer particular questions.

Clare intends to make a recording for which she will seek your consent, on the attached form, to record the interview. All recorded information will be transcribed for use in preparing the thesis, report or other publications. Information on confidentiality is explained in the Information Sheet provided. Clare will be transcribing all recordings and no other person apart from her supervisors will have access to these recordings.

Any enquiries you may have concerning this project should be directed to me at the address given above or by telephone on 08 82015353, fax 08 82013410 or e-mail Trudy.Rudge@flinders.edu.au

The Flinders University Social and Behavioural Research Ethics Committee have approved this research project. The Secretary of this Committee can be contacted on 8201-5466, fax 8201-2035, E-mail Lesley.Wyndram@flinders.edu.au .

Thank you for your attention and assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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