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To Whom It May Concern.

I am writing in support of retaining the current MCH post graduate qualification.

I am ANNE DYNON, & have worked in MCH for 30 years, mainly at Frankston City. I am a General Nurse (Mary Mills 1971-1973) & a Midwife (Mary Maternity (1975-76) & have a Graduate Diploma in Community Health (MCH) from Lincoln Institute (La Trobe - 1983). I am an I.B.N.C. Graduate.

I am concerned with any attempt to change the post graduate qualifications as I see this as a "dumbing down" of a wonderful, 'free' community service for families in Victoria and elsewhere in Australia.

The qualifications listed are crucial to
mitch practice. Midwifery knowledge is
essential at the Home visit where the
pregnancy + birth history are presented,
Location advice, gynaecobstetric advice,
immunisation, S.I.D.S. issues, family dynamics,
are all part of the mitch brief.
Maternal welfare is as important as
welfare of the newborn, and experience
in maternity services and mitch services
are essential.

Removing these 'disciplines', removes a
critical body of knowledge + skills to
practice as a mitch nurse.

I also support mch postgraduate
Scholarships as a way of attracting potential
mch nurses to our service.

In Victoria we enjoy the best standards
of mitch in the country, I hope other states
will follow Victoria's mitch lead.

Yours sincerely, (A. Ogden)
Anne DYNON.