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CDNM Announces Appointment of Interim Chief Executive Officer

CDNM is delighted to announce the appointment of Adjunct Professor Debra Thoms as their interim Chief Executive Officer. With extensive experience in nursing, midwifery, and health policy, Adj Prof Thoms brings a wealth of knowledge and leadership to the role.

Adj Prof Thoms' distinguished career includes serving as the Commonwealth Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer and Acting Head of School at QUT. Her background in education and government, combined with senior operational roles in health service delivery in NSW, uniquely positions her to navigate the complex intersection between health service provision and education.

Internationally, Adj Prof Thoms has represented Australia at esteemed organisations such as the International Council of Nurses and the Executive Board of the World Health Organisation. CDNM eagerly anticipates Adj Prof Thoms' contributions in advancing nursing and midwifery professions within Australian and New Zealand communities.

Expressing her enthusiasm for the role, Adj Prof Thoms stated, "I am very excited to commence with the Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery - a key leadership group for nursing and midwifery education and research in both Australia and New Zealand. I look forward to collaborating with them to elevate the nursing and midwifery professions. The pivotal role that Universities play in ensuring nurses and midwives can contribute fully to Australian and New Zealand health care cannot be underestimated."

About the CDNM

The Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery (Australia & New Zealand) (CDNM) is the peak organisation that represents the Deans and Heads of the Schools of Nursing and Midwifery in universities that offer undergraduate and postgraduate programs in nursing and midwifery throughout Australia and New Zealand.

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