



# The Hon Ray Williams MP

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Member for Castle Hill  
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### NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR TOP NURSES AND MIDWIVES

Outstanding nurses and midwives will be recognised for their tireless work with nominations now open for the fifth annual Excellence in Nursing and Midwifery Awards.

Local Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams is encouraging anyone who knows of a top nurse or midwife to nominate them.

“We are looking for nurses or midwives who are working within the NSW public health system who have made a real difference to the lives and experiences of their patients” said Mr Williams.

The NSW Government is right behind our nurses and midwives, expanding the workforce by an extra 6280 since March 2011 – representing a 14 per cent increase.

“NSW now employs a record 49,900 nurses and midwives, and we thank each one of them for compassion and tireless dedication.” Mr Williams said. “Now, we want to find the best of them and fully give them the recognition they deserve through these fantastic awards.”

Nurses and midwives provide quality, patient-centred care and make a huge difference for people in our local community.

A record 2200 nurses and midwives graduate this year, a quarter of them in rural and regional NSW.

The NSW Government has committed \$120 million in 2016-2017 for 900 additional nurses, doctors, allied health and other hospital staff to support the increasing patient demand for health services.

Another \$9.8 million has been committed to recruiting 65 more specialist nurses and midwives and 30 clinical support officers for nurses and midwifery services.

Nominations close on Friday 9 June 2017 and can be made at <https://e-award.com.au/2017/einma/index.php?page=about>

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