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**Attracting and keeping nursing professionals in an environment of chronic labour shortage: a study of mobility among nurses and midwives in the Northern Territory of Australia**

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There is a global shortage of nursing professionals. It is particularly tight for remote places like the Northern Territory, Australia. This report looks at the demographic profile of the Territory's nurses and midwives, how that has changed in the last few decades and explores prospects for the future.

The report also explores why nursing professionals come to the Northern Territory, why they stay and why some leave. The drivers of international migration are investigated as well as some of the costs of nursing turnover to the Territory economy. Twenty recommendations are made to improve retention rates.

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**Democratic Governance in Timor-Leste: Reconciling the Local and the National**

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In February 2008, three days after the Darwin conference from which this volume arose, violent attacks took place on the president and prime minister of Timor-Leste. President Ramos-Horta arrived in Darwin for treatment just as some of the authors represented here were leaving the town, having participated in a two day discussion on the theme *Democratic Governance in Timor-Leste: Reconciling the Local and the National*. The timing of the conference seemed almost prophetic given the concerns raised by the delegates regarding the ongoing conflict and violence in Timor-Leste.

Some contributors revised their papers for publication in light of the horrifying attacks on the lives of Timor-Leste's leaders; others let their discussion stand as it had been presented at the conference. The result is an important collection of articles that provides highly pertinent insights into the current dilemmas of the government and people of the new republic to Australia's north. The book gives voice to East Timorese commentators as well as to Australian and other international scholars.

The volume explores the necessity to come to terms with the past in order to move on to a better future. It also considers the role of the state and parliament in the new democracy while seeking to set these against the cultural and social practices of the people at whom development is aimed. Finally, it examines the role of the agencies that have sought to assist in the country's transformation from a colonised to a post-colonial society with a sound economic future.

This work will add considerably to the growing literature on the opportunities and dangers facing what has often been classed as a 'fragile state'.

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Foreword by Deputy Prime Minister of Timor-Leste, Dr. José Luis Guterres - Opening Address at the Conference, Darwin, Australia, 7 February 2008

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*This is... now effectively a classic history. Far Country is a fascinating and admirable history of the Northern Territory... With commanding sweep, Powell places this remote outpost within the broader perspective of world events, whether it be expanding Asian empires, European trading relations and wars, or South Australian and federal politics... It ranges broadly over the expected themes of a regional history – Aboriginal society, European exploration and the early European colonial settlements, race relations, the struggle to establish viable industries, urban settlements, politics, local cultural elements, literature and some of the significant individuals. But the context of the Territory adds piquancy to the story because of its environmental and human uniqueness... To an observer from the south, it is... a far country.*

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