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A nurses union [NZNO New Zealand Nurses Organisation] says Te Whatu Ora's lack of jobs is pushing graduates towards Australia this week promised at least 1,800 jobs for grads over the next year. Dawn Blyth from the New Zealand Nurses Organisation says this falls short of what is necessary by 40%. She says students are already preparing to pack up.

DAWN BLYTH I've got students in my cohort that are applying for new grad positions in Australia already and they haven't even graduated and they know that it's going to be challenging to get a job here in New Zealand, so they're covering both bases just to make sure they get a job somewhere.

Dawn Blyth says New Zealand desperately needs more home trained nurses.

