



**MEDIA STATEMENT**

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## **Statement on AHPRA and the Medical Board of Australia's Response to the Independent Review of the Regulation of Healthcare Practitioners Who Perform Cosmetic Surgery**

The Australasian College of Dermatologists (ACD) welcomes the independent review recommendations accepted by AHPRA and Medical Board of Australia on the regulation of healthcare practitioners who perform cosmetic surgery, released last week.

All Australians should have access to safe, timely and quality care, and have confidence that their medical practitioner is appropriately trained and qualified in the surgery they are performing.

Therefore, ACD strongly supports the recommendation that the Medical Board of Australia play a greater role in setting expectations in relation to the education and training of doctors who perform cosmetic surgery, including development of an accreditation standard and establishing an area of practice endorsement for cosmetic surgery that would be entered on the public register.

We welcome the recommendation for broad consultation to determine what that endorsement standard and training should be and look forward to being a key stakeholder in these consultations, along with other Australian Medical Council accredited specialist medical colleges.

ACD also welcomes increased focus on improving the quality and transparency of information available to consumers about the qualifications of their practitioner and on their rights and avenues for raising concerns when something goes wrong.

We support the strengthening of complaints investigation processes and a more robust approach to addressing the issues related to advertisement of cosmetic surgery services, particularly on social media.

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### **About the Australasian College of Dermatologists (ACD):**

The ACD is the peak medical college accredited by the Australian Medical Council for the training and professional development of medical practitioners in the specialty of dermatology. They provide authoritative information about dermatology to Government, the media, other health professionals and the general public.

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