



## **The Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery**

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# **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Media stories concerning inquiry into death of Lauren James**

The Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery (ACCS) has received a number of media enquiries concerning the coronial inquiry into the tragic death of Lauren James in Victoria.

Some media stories have reported that Ms James' death followed liposuction performed by a "Cosmetic Surgeon". While the College does not wish to comment on the proceedings of the Victoria Coroner's Court, it wishes to note however that the doctor concerned, Dr Tam Dieu, is a *Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon* and a member of the Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS). Dr Dieu is not a fellow of nor is he accredited by this College.

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**The Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery** is a multi-disciplinary body of general surgeons, plastic surgeons, dermatologists, ear nose and throat surgeons, ophthalmologists and other doctors who specialise in cosmetic surgery. The goal of the ACCS is to ensure the safe provision of cosmetic surgery and cosmetic medical procedures to the Australian general community through supply of appropriately trained and certified medical practitioners. The College has made a full application to the Australian Medical Council to have Cosmetic Medical Practice recognised as a new Medical Specialty. That application may be viewed at:  
[www.cosmeticmedicalpracticesubmission.info](http://www.cosmeticmedicalpracticesubmission.info)