



The Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery

Raising Standards, Protecting Patients

AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF COSMETIC SURGERY RESPONDS TO POSSIBLE RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF THE TITLE 'COSMETIC SURGEON'

Federal and State Governments are currently considering imposing restrictions on the use of the title 'cosmetic surgeon'.

The Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery acknowledges that there are unqualified medical practitioners performing cosmetic surgery.

But the premise that 'plastic surgeons' are safer than appropriately trained and highly experienced cosmetic surgeons is simply not correct.

Fellows of The Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery are formally trained and qualified by examination in cosmetic surgery.

The College agrees there is no agreed consistent method of accreditation for medical practitioners performing cosmetic surgical procedures currently exists. This causes confusion amongst the public, medical practitioners, the media and as it would seem even the regulators and can result in patients making choices that may put their safety at risk.

The College believes the Health Minister should bring together plastic surgeons from the Royal Australian College, cosmetic surgeons from the ACCS and other stakeholders to develop a system of accreditation which will provide better and safer outcomes from patients.