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Submission from the Cosmetic Physicians Society of Australasia regarding the Alternative Model for Safety and Quality Accreditation of Health Care

The Cosmetic Physicians Society of Australasia (CPSA) is a professional organisation formed in 1997 to represent qualified doctors who focus on providing minimally-invasive cosmetic procedures.

The CPSA is happy that there are moves towards simplifying accreditation and removing duplication.

Unfortunately, the requirement for accreditation to be dependent upon professional registration leaves a large quantity of services unmonitored. There are beauty therapy clinics everywhere performing essentially medical services such as photorejuvenation and hair removal with lasers and intense pulsed light sources. Some are also offering injections of botulinum toxin. These services are often performed by untrained or poorly-trained personnel under no medical supervision and have already caused great harm to some members of the public. The equipment is often not even TGA-registered as it should be.

In a competitive environment, requiring the costs of accreditation to be borne by the already-safer medical cosmetic industry may make these treatments more expensive and therefore make the less-safe beauty clinic option more attractive for some members of the public.

The CPSA is concerned about this alarming trend but unfortunately the Alternative Model for Safety and Quality Accreditation of Health Care leaves this area unchecked.

Yours sincerely,

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