

Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Surgeons) Amendment Bill 2023

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RE: Inquiry into the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Surgeons) Amendment Bill 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

The Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM; The College) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the Queensland Governments Inquiry into the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Surgeons) Amendment Bill 2023 (the Inquiry).

As you are aware, ACEM is the peak body for emergency medicine and has a vital interest in ensuring the highest standards of emergency medical care for all patients. ACEM is responsible for ensuring the advancement of emergency medicine in emergency departments (EDs) across Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand, the training of emergency physicians in these regions, and the accreditation of EDs for emergency medicine training.

ACEM welcomes the Inquiry and commends the work of the Health and Environment Committee to address this vital topic to protect patient health and safety.

Use of the title surgeon

ACEM strongly supports the position of the Royal Australasian College of Surgery (RACS) position regarding the protection of the title 'surgeon'. RACS believes that the title of 'surgeon' should be restricted by itself or in combination with other qualifier or descriptor words to medical practitioners who have completed Australian Medical Council (AMC) accredited specialist training in the medical specialty of surgery and are currently registered in the specialty. Further details on RACS position can be found [here](#).

Clarifying tribunal decision-making

ACEM supports the decision to provide clarity for tribunal decision making, as this benefits patient safety as well as making clear to medical practitioners the outcomes of tribunal decisions.

For more information

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide this submission. If you require any further information about any of the above issues or if you have any questions about ACEM or our work, please do not hesitate to contact James Gray, Acting General Manager, Policy and Regional Engagement [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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