




Speech By
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MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

Health Practitioner Regulation, Reforms

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Minister for Health and Ambulance Services) (9.51 am): Today I can confirm that I will be introducing the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Surgeons) Amendment Bill 2023. This bill takes decisive action to ensure that the safety of Australian patients is prioritised over the financial interests of doctors providing cosmetic procedures. The proposed laws follow a significant body of work from health ministers from all jurisdictions and the brave testimony from patients who had been harmed by people holding themselves out as being far more skilled than they actually were. The laws will ensure that only someone who has undertaken appropriate training can refer to themselves as a surgeon. This will protect consumers. I want to pay tribute to all those who have shared their story. You should know that you have truly made a difference.