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## Response to enquiries re: Dr Jonathan Garth Hayes

In the interest of the health and safety of the public, the Medical Council of NSW seeks to address inaccuracies on social media regarding a decision by Sydney endocrinologist Dr Jonathan (Jon) Hayes to surrender his medical registration.

The facts are:

The NSW Medical Council is not in 'dispute' with Dr Jon Hayes. The Medical Council is a regulatory body which is responsible, in conjunction with the NSW Health Care Complaints Commission, for protecting public safety by ensuring medical practitioners are fit to practise.

The Council has never expressed disapproval or a view of a recognised medical sub speciality, including transgender medicine. The Council plays no regulatory role in the accreditation or otherwise of medical specialties.

The Council has not placed conditions on Dr Jon Hayes' medical registration.

The Council understands Dr Hayes made a personal decision to cease practising and informed his patients of this decision earlier this week.

The Council is concerned that Dr Hayes take steps to ensure immediate continuity of care for his former patients, in accordance with the Medical Board of Australia's Code of Conduct.

The Medical Council is unable to discuss specific complaints made about a medical practitioner. The Council will not be making any further public comments at this time.

Former patients of Dr Hayes impacted by his decision to cease practice should contact their general practitioner. We urge anyone affected by his decision to seek support:

QLife: 1800 184 527 <https://qlife.org.au/>  
The Gender Centre: 02 9519 7599 <https://gendercentre.org.au/>  
Lifeline: 13 11 14 <https://www.lifeline.org.au/>

**(Please attribute to a spokesperson for the NSW Medical Council).**

### Background

The Medical Council works in collaboration with the HCCC to receive and manage complaints about registered doctors and registered medical students in NSW. The Council's paramount

legal obligation is to protect the public. It deals with doctors whose conduct, performance or health may represent a risk to the public.

We do this by:

- Managing complaints about medical practitioners in NSW
- Promoting compliance with professional standards
- Delivering programs to ensure medical practitioners provide safe care to their patients.

### **Media**

For media enquiries, please contact the Medical Council's Communications Team on **0428 433 863**.