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### **CPCA COMMENDS VICTORIAN HEALTH COMMISSIONER FOR PUTTING PUBLIC SAFETY FIRST**

The Cosmetic Physicians College of Australia applauds the action taken by the Victorian Health Complaints Commissioner in making an Interim Prohibition Order against Melbourne's Sparadise Medical and Cosmetic Clinic in Glen Waverley "to avoid a serious risk to the health, safety or welfare of the public".

CPCA President Dr Douglas Grose said College members had previously made multiple complaints to the HCC about the spread of potentially dangerous developments and high-risk practices among non-medically trained operators within the cosmetic industry – and his college was gratified the HCC is now investigating its worrying public safety concerns.

Dr Grose confirmed that in recent weeks CPCA has had contact from various media organisations specifically regarding "illegal and unsafe operators in the cosmetic surgery field – particularly people working entirely outside the law, whether they're 'fly-in fly-out' operators or local unregistered individuals carrying out procedures and using drugs they bought overseas, where clients are being put at risk."

Dr Grose emphasised that the CPCA considers patient safety the most important issue in all oversight and regulation of the cosmetic and aesthetic medical industries.

In its formal announcement, the HCC noted it believes Sparadise "has contravened a code of conduct applying to the general health service provided" and the prohibition - for 12 weeks from 28 February-22 May "while an investigation is conducted" – bans Sparadise from:

- Providing any cosmetic surgical and medical procedures that involve "cutting the skin" or "piercing the skin, including injectable cosmetic treatments;
- Being in possession of or administering any schedule 4 drugs for cosmetic use including Botulinum toxin (Botox) and hyaluronic acid injection preparations (Dermal fillers);
- Administering any unregistered therapeutic good or scheduled medicine.

About the CPCA:

The CPCA is the leading representative body for medical practitioners practicing non- or minimally-invasive cosmetic medical treatments in Australasia. The College, which evolved from the Cosmetic Physicians Society of Australasia, provides education, training and ethical practice standards for its Fellows and Members who are required to have relevant training and experience as prerequisites for admission to the College. Members are also required to keep abreast of the most up-to-date, relevant information and latest medical and scientific advances. Overall, the key role of the CPCA is to develop and maintain the highest standards in cosmetic medicine, which helps safeguard the public.  
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