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College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists Welcomes Government's Initiative on Maternity Services in Australia

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) has officially welcomed the Federal Government's initiative to review maternity services in Australia.

'Today Australia is one of the safest countries in which to give birth and for some time has recorded lower maternal and perinatal mortality rates than similar countries', said RANZCOG President, Dr Christine Tippett today.

'It is crucial that any reforms to the delivery of maternity services are carefully evaluated to ensure that they do not have an adverse effect on mothers and babies in Australia.

'It is essential that all health workers providing maternity health services, work together to provide the best outcomes for mothers and babies. Trust and cooperation between all those involved in maternity care is vital to the provision of safe maternity care.

'It is timely that issues of funding, access and the effective use of the maternity workforce be addressed', said Dr Tippett.

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