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## ***RANZCOG Supports the Health Minister's Quality and Safety Push in Maternity Services***

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The New Zealand Committee of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) today welcomed Health Minister Tony Ryall's announcement that work is now underway on the main recommendations from the recent consultations on a Draft Maternity Action Plan.

'The College fully supports the Minister's focus on improving quality and safety for pregnant women and their babies', said RANZCOG New Zealand Committee Chair, Dr John Tait.

'We have an extremely busy 18 months ahead of us,' said Dr Tait.

Over the next 18 months, the Ministry and RANZCOG (along with other stakeholders) will be focussed on:

- Developing national quality and safety standards including maternity service standards, clinical indicators and key performance indicators;
- Revising referral guidelines to include protocols for transfers of care and emergency transfers;
- Improving maternity information systems and analysis, as recommended by the Perinatal and Maternal Mortality Review Committee; and
- Developing standardised, electronically transferable maternity notes, to improve communication in transfers to other professionals.

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