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## ***College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists Supports ACT Government Review of Maternity Services at Canberra Hospital***

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The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) has today come out in support of the ACT Government's decision to convene two external reviews of the Women and Children's Health Services department at Canberra Hospital to investigate allegations of workplace bullying and of possible substandard patient care on a few occasions.

"The College is very supportive of the doctors and other maternity staff at Canberra Hospital, and we want to assure the Canberra community that they seem to provide safe care that is objectively comparable to other metropolitan areas in Australia. Women can anticipate that they will receive high quality maternity care at the hospital," said RANZCOG President, Dr Ted Weaver.

"Clearly there seem to be some workplace problems at Canberra Hospital, and I am confident that these enquiries from the ACT Government will address these issues and attempt to provide a constructive and encouraging framework for workforce at the hospital in future.

"The College is committed to working with the ACT Government during this critical time to ensure significant action is undertaken and to ensure that any problems are dealt with in a considered and professional way.

"It seems unfair for the maternity staff at the hospital to subject to 'trial by media', when the sort of issues raised should be dealt with by the appropriate authorities," said Dr Weaver.

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) is dedicated to maintaining the highest possible standards in obstetrics and gynaecology in Australia and New Zealand.

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