



National Association of  
Specialist Obstetricians & Gynaecologists

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## **Peak women's health body congratulates Government on re-election**

The National Association of Specialist Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (NASOG) has congratulated the Turnbull Government on its re-election and also welcomed the re-appointment of Sussan Ley as Minister for Health.

President of the peak body for women's health specialists, Dr Gary Swift, said the Association urged the re-elected Government to continue supporting initiatives to improve patient outcomes as it looks to implement its health agenda.

Dr Swift said the federal election campaign had raised many concerns over health issues but the focus now must be on ensuring Australia delivers a viable and sustainable health system that produces positive health outcomes.

"NASOG has a long and very strong working relationship with the Government and we look forward to continuing to grow that relationship as we move forward," Dr Swift said.

"Through this relationship we work to support the interests of our members, and through them the interests of patients and their families across the country.

"In particular we urge the Government to invest in the health of Australian women through reversing the freeze on rebates to patients; reviewing private health insurance to encourage uptake; reviewing the Medicare Safety Net; and ensuring appropriate perinatal mental health care is provided for women and their families."

NASOG also would continue to press its campaign to ensure that women in Australia are able to access and visit the obstetrician of their choice, regardless of whether those women lived in urban, rural or regional locations.

Dr Swift congratulated Minister Ley on her re-appointment and said NASOG looked forward to further strengthening its relationship with the Minister.

"The Minister is aware of our concerns and the issues facing our members and the patients they serve and we will continue to work closely with her to try to find pragmatic solutions to address these concerns."

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