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The Australasian College of Dermatologists

DERMATOLOGISTS WELCOME VICTORIA'S GUARANTEE TO REGULATE SOLARIUMS

Australia's leading organisation for the diagnosis and treatment of all skin diseases, the Australasian College of Dermatologists (ACD), has applauded a promise by Victorian Premier, John Brumby, to legislate the solarium industry by the end of this year.

It comes in response to the brave campaign by 26 year old Clare Oliver, who died yesterday from a melanoma, which she claims was the result of too many solarium visits.

The Honorary Secretary of the ACD, Dr Stephen Shumack, says the industry's current code of conduct is only voluntary.

"Mr Brumby's promise will see the code enforceable by law and anyone operating a solarium who doesn't abide by the new legislation, will face tough penalties," says Dr Shumack.

"While the Federal Government has also made a promise to regulate the industry, Mr Brumby's guarantee to introduce legislation by the end of this year will see the process speeded up somewhat, and Victoria will ultimately lead the other states into following suit.

"The College applauds Clare's courage for speaking out, and the Victorian Government for taking heed of her message about the dangers of solariums."

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