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## ASA appalled by reports of sonographer's conduct toward Queensland women

The ASA is appalled to hear reports that three women in Queensland have been severely negatively affected by a sonographer's conduct during their ultrasound examinations.

The alleged actions by a sonographer has caused significant harm to the health and safety of the public.

The CEO of the Australasian Sonographers Association (ASA), Jodie Long, said "Anyone receiving an ultrasound from a sonographer should expect appropriate and respectful conduct.

This situation highlights the potential public risk from the sonography profession that is unregulated. Protecting patients is essential, and sonographer regulation is needed to provide appropriate safeguards to ensure public health and safety."

Patients receiving ultrasound examinations expect there to be nationally enforceable standards of practice and safeguards in place to protect them and ensure the provision of high-quality services.

Sonographers are not regulated like other medical imaging professions and is an issue the ASA continues to advocate for to protect the public interest. The simplest way to protect the public is to regulate sonographers with other medical imaging professions under the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia. To find out more about sonographer regulation in Australia, head to our website:

<https://sonographers.org/advocacy/sonographer-regulation-in-australia>

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