



National Association of  
Specialist Obstetricians & Gynaecologists

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## SPECIALIST DOCTORS WARN WOMEN ABOUT HOME BIRTH DANGERS

Australia's peak group of obstetricians and gynaecologists today extended their expression of concern to the welfare of singer Danni Minogue and her newborn after a dramatic home birth attempt resulted in mother and baby being being rushed to hospital.

"Whilst we are very relieved to hear Ms Minogue and her baby are doing well, we believe other would-be mothers need to be aware of the risks that home births pose to mothers and their babies," Executive of the National Association of Specialist Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (NASOG), Dr Andrew Foote said today.

"There is irrefutable evidence that women and babies are significantly safer in hospitals because of the immediate access to specialist care."

Dr Foote said he was determined to help drive change in the way public and private hospitals present their maternity services to encourage all expectant mothers to opt to have a safe and positive birth experience under the care of specialist doctors and midwives working together.

"Thankfully, only 0.25% of Australian women risk their lives and that of their babies by choosing a home birth," said Dr Foote.

Dr Foote said his organisation would continue to work closely with the Federal Government to deliver the optimal collaborative model of obstetrics care to all Australian women.

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About NASOG: The **National Association of Specialist Obstetricians and Gynaecologists** (NASOG) is a not for profit professional association representing specialist obstetricians and gynaecologists, the leading providers of specialist women's health services. Australia is recognised as one of the safest countries in the world to give birth or to be born. **NASOG** strongly endorses our **collaborative, proactive model of obstetric and midwifery care** for all women giving birth in Australia. The safety of this existing model of care is confirmed by research from Australia and around the world. [www.nasog.com.au](http://www.nasog.com.au)

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