

## Media statement

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### Board confirms referral of Dr Nitschke to Tribunal

The Medical Board of Australia has referred Dr Phillip Nitschke to the Northern Territory Health Professional Review Tribunal for a hearing into his professional conduct.

Under the National Law, the Board refers allegations of the most serious unprofessional conduct, or professional misconduct to the Tribunal.

After investigating a number of notifications (complaints), the Board decided to refer Dr Nitschke to the Tribunal on 12 counts, including allegations of professional misconduct and unprofessional conduct.

These allegations have been lodged with the Northern Territory Health Professional Review Tribunal, which will schedule the matter for hearing in due course.

In the meantime, the hearing of Dr Nitschke's appeal against the Board's decision to take immediate action to suspend his medical registration - as an interim step to manage risk to the public, pending other inquiries - is continuing this week.

The Board will not comment further at this time, to protect the integrity of the Tribunal processes.

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